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To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA
BHUP BAHADUR OF
COOCH BEHAR, G.C.I.E., C.B.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 15th August 1903.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

WE have the honor to submit the Annual Report on the administration of the State for the year 1902-03, to which the usual departmental reports are attached.

2. *Constitution of Council and leave to Members.*—There was no change in the constitution of the Council during the year. Rai Calica Doss Dutt Bahadur, C.I.E., Dewan and Senior Member of the State Council, was granted privilege leave for one month during which time Babu Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, Naib Ahilkar, remained in charge of the current duties of the Dewan's office, in addition to his own duties. The Government of Bengal, in their letter No. 727P, dated the 26th February 1902, conveyed the sanction of the Government of India to the continued employment of Major J. R. C. Colvin, Indian Army, as Vice-President, State Council, and Superintendent of the State, for a further period of 2 years with effect from the 4th April 1902, on which date the 3 years for which he was originally appointed, expired.

3. *Judicial work of the Council.*—The Council held 16 sittings against 30 of the previous year.

One regular appeal was pending at the commencement of the year and 5 were instituted during the year under report. Of these one was disposed of.

The total number of criminal appeals including 2, which were pending on the 31st March 1902, was 5, of which 2 were disposed of.

Four special appeals were pending from the previous year and 26 were instituted. Of these 10 were disposed of.

The total number of motions, including 11 pending from the previous year, was 48, of which 22 were disposed of.

There were 2 miscellaneous appeals pending from the previous year and 5 fresh appeals of this nature were instituted during the year under report, of which 2 were disposed of.

There were no miscellaneous cases pending from the previous year. Of such cases 8 were instituted during the year, and 1 was disposed of.

The total number of cases pending on the 31st March 1903, was 66 against 20 pending on the corresponding date of the previous year.

The Council regret that, notwithstanding the smaller number of fresh cases which were instituted on the whole during the year under report, the number of cases pending on the 31st March 1903 was so much in excess of the number pending at the commencement of the year. This was in a great measure due to the absence of the Vice-President of the Council in November, December and January in connection with the arrangements for the Delhi Durbar and for other reasons over which the Council

had no control. Every endeavour will be made during the present year to leave but a small number of cases pending on the 31st March 1904.

With the sanction of Your Highness, the system of holding trials in Sessions cases with the aid of Assessors, which had hitherto not been resorted to in the State, was introduced with effect from the 21st October 1902.

4. *Legislative and Executive work of the Council.*—On the Legislative and Executive sides, the Council held 32 meetings against 30 meetings in the previous year.

The following Acts were passed during the year under report. :—

The Cooch Behar Stamp Act I of 1903,

The Cooch Behar Drainage Act II of 1903,

Amendment to the Cooch Behar Limitation Act III of 1903,

The Cooch Behar Town Committee Act IV of 1903.

During the year under report Your Highness was also pleased to adopt

The Indian Contract Act IX of 1872, and

The Specific Relief Act I of 1877 with all amendments to the same in their entirety with the exception of Chapter VIII of the latter Act which was inapplicable to the purposes of Your Highness' State.

5. *Executive work of the Council.*—The work of the Council on the Executive side is, as usual, divided into 3 heads—I General, II Financial, III Cooch Behar State Railway and Miscellaneous.

I.—GENERAL.

6. *Settlement of certain lands in the State.*—On the recommendation of the Dewan of the State, Your Highness was pleased to sanction the re-settlement of certain lands in the State, and for this purpose a sum of Rs. 9,000 was provided in the budget for the current year. Full particulars on this subject will be found in the settlement portion of the Dewan's report.

7. *Management of Estates under the Court of Wards.*—The estate belonging to Harish Chandra Shaha was taken under the management of the Court of Wards, and the estate of Babu Pramoda Ranjan Buxi and Ramlata Debya was released during the year under report.

8. *Public Works.*—All detailed information on this subject will be found in the departmental report submitted by the Superintendent of the State in whom control over public works is vested, and it is not, therefore, necessary for us to deal with the subject in our report.

The question of the rebuilding of the Victoria College and Jenkins' School has been held in abeyance pending the final resolution of the Government of India on the report of the Indian Universities Commission which, it was considered, might possibly affect the status of the college and necessitate, possibly, some reconsideration of the plans for a combined building and for the boarding houses of the college and the school. Under the recently sanctioned arrangement with the Government of Bengal, the public works in the State continue, from time to time, to be inspected and reported on by a duly qualified officer of the Government Public Works Department.

9. *Education.*—This subject also is more fully dealt with in the Superintendent of the State's departmental report. The Inspector of Schools, who had been permitted to join the training institution at Kurseong, having completed his course, on his return, opened a training class with a view to instructing locally a sufficient number of teachers to introduce the new system of education in the State on the same lines as it is intended to adopt under Government.

In this class teachers, pundits, &c., selected from the various State schools are being trained in batches. In due course, another subordinate

officer of the State Educational Department will be sent for training in Kurseong.

The training class started locally is, of course, somewhat on its trial at present, and the Superintendent of the State is unable at present to express an opinion as to its usefulness.

Some slight modifications of the rules regarding scholarship in the State were sanctioned by Your Highness with special reference to cases in which a student becomes qualified for a scholarship both within the State and under Government.

10. *Utilization of accumulations in the Chaukidari Fund.*—The Superintendent of the State submitted a recommendation that Rs. 20,000 out of the accumulated balances of the Chaukidari Fund should be devoted to certain works of public utility, such as the construction of tanks for watering cattle, the sinking of wells etc., in different parts of the State where the need of such works had shewn themselves to be felt. Your Highness was pleased to sanction the proposals which are now being given effect to by the Superintendent of the State in consultation with the Dewan and the Naib Ahil-kars. A separate report, giving all details of the works in question, has been submitted by the Superintendent of the State for the consideration of Your Highness in Council.

11. *Coronation of Their Most Gracious Majesties the King-Emperor and Queen Alexandra.*—On the command of His Most Gracious Majesty the King-Emperor, Your Highness left India in April 1902 to attend the Coronation ceremony in England, the date for which was originally fixed for the 26th June 1902. Owing, however, to the serious illness of His Most Gracious Majesty the King, the Coronation was postponed till the 9th August 1902, and Your Highness did not return to India till November 1902. Your Highness in the capacity of Aide-de-Camp to His Majesty the King, attended the Coronation ceremony.

The original day fixed for the Coronation was observed as a close holiday throughout the State. All offices, courts and schools were closed, though the day generally was observed rather as a day of thanksgiving than one of festival or demonstration.

For the management of affairs during your absence, the usual Memorandum of Administration was issued to the State Council by which they were vested, during Your Highness' absence, with certain additional powers and privileges.

During the absence of Your Highness in England, we are glad to say that no cause for any special anxiety arose, and the management of the State was carried on without any disturbing element or trouble of any kind.

12. *Delhi Durbar.*—On your return from England, Your Highness found all necessary preparations made for Your Highness to attend the Imperial Durbar at Delhi, at which the Coronation of Their Most Gracious Majesties, the King and Queen-Emress was celebrated. Your Highness at the invitation of His Excellency the Viceroy attended the ceremony. A camp was pitched in the land allotted for the use of the Chiefs from Bengal. The total cost of the Delhi Durbar was, Rs. 75,069-12-2. A separate report has been submitted by the Superintendent of the State to the Council giving all details of expenditure in this connection.

At Delhi, Your Highness was presented with the gold Coronation Medal issued to certain of the Native Chiefs who attended the Durbar in England.

In the State, a Durbar was held at the Palace in Cooch Behar at the same date and hour as that on which the Coronation was being celebrated in Delhi.

In Your Highness' absence, the local Durbar was held by the Dewan of the State on Your Highness' behalf. The Imperial Proclamation and Your Highness' Address to your people were read in the Durbar and a Royal salute of 101 guns was fired. Certain local titles were conferred; life allowances were bestowed; prisoners were released; alms and clothing were distributed to the poor, and the children in the State schools were fed and entertainments were organized for their amusement. Special prayers were offered at all temples and mosques in the State. In the evening the towns were illuminated and other festivities were organized. There were universal rejoicings throughout Your Highness' State and Zemindaries, and the spontaniety and genuine nature of the rejoicings amongst the people, and their proper appreciation of the occasion which had given rise to them, was the most gratifying feature in the local celebration of the Coronation day.

II.—FINANCIAL.

13. *General comparative statement for the years 1899-1900 to 1902-1903.*—The following statement will show in a comparative form the figures, estimated and actual, for the last 4 years together with the budget estimate for the current year :—

		Y E A R S .				
		1899-1900.	1900-1901.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1903-1904.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Revenue	...	22,34,049	22,83,863	22,48,726	22,76,963	22,71,655
EXPENDITURE.						
Budget Estimates.	His Highness' personal expenses.	4,64,000	5,00,000	4,80,000	5,30,000	3,54,000
	Palace Grounds ...	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000	6,000
	Other Household charges.	3,12,513	3,06,766	2,88,709	3,14,737	4,01,958*
	Administration and Control.	12,88,052	12,75,711	12,49,557	12,74,993	13,13,484†
	Extension of Railway.	49,581	51,664	65,000	20,000	60,097
	Repayment of Railway Loan.	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
	Total estimated expenditure.	22,20,096	22,40,141	21,89,266	22,45,730	22,35,539
Estimated surplus or deficit.		+13,953	+43,722	+59,460	+31,283	+86,116
Revised Estimates.	Revenue ...	22,45,021	22,25,867	22,89,147	23,24,099	
	Expenditure ...	23,64,944	22,55,251	23,10,115	23,12,810	
	Surplus or deficit on revised estimates.	—1,19,923	—29,384	—20,968	+11,289	
Actuals.	Revenue ...	22,72,608	22,55,419	23,09,831	23,56,409	
	Expenditure ...	23,17,463	22,14,778	22,84,149	22,71,861	
	Actual surplus or deficit.	—44,855	+40,641	+25,682	+84,548	
Cash Balances.	Opening balance...	6,44,392	5,29,317	6,09,302	6,16,058	7,27,358
	Closing do. ...	5,29,317	6,09,302	6,16,058	7,27,358	

* Includes Rs. 1,50,000 for Children's Fund.

† Includes Rs. 50,000 for Reserve Fund.

14. *Budget Estimates, Revised Estimates and Actuals for 1902-03*—From the above statement it will be seen that the estimate for 1902-03, as originally framed, placed the Revenue for the year at Rs. 22,76,963 and the Expenditure at Rs. 22,45,730, showing an estimated surplus of Rs. 31,233. This estimated surplus in the revised estimates fell to Rs. 11,289. In the actual accounts, however, for 1902-03 the Revenue amounted to Rs. 23,56,409, and the Expenditure to Rs. 22,71,861, leaving the actual surplus balance at Rs. 84,548. The increases under Revenue and the decreases of Expenditure which led to this marked improvement in the actuals over the revised estimates are explained in detail in Statement I, attached to this report, and it is not necessary for us to recapitulate them here.

It is sufficient to say that the actual revenue from stamps exceeded the estimate by a small amount, whilst the main increase of Revenue was due to increased receipts from the Cooch Behar State Railway and His Highness' Estates, both of which will be separately referred to under their respective headings. In a large majority of heads on the receipt side of the budget, there was a slight increase of actuals over estimates.

On the Expenditure side under most heads of the budget, actuals fell short of the estimates, and notwithstanding that under no one head was the saving particularly noticeable, the total actual expenditure fell short of the revised estimates by Rs. 40,949.

The result of this decreased expenditure together with the increased revenue was, as stated above, an actual surplus balance of Rs. 84,548 as compared to Rs. 11,289 in the revised estimates, and we think, looking to the somewhat phenomenal condition of the year under report, Your Highness has reason to be satisfied with the results obtained on the actual working of the year under report.

15. *Budget Estimates for 1903-04*.—In submitting this report on the working of the past year it is desirable, we think, to refer briefly to the figures in the estimate for the current year.

The estimated receipts have been placed at Rs. 22,71,655 and the estimated expenditure at Rs. 22,35,539, leaving an estimated surplus balance of Rs. 36,116. The figures on the Revenue side of the budget are all normal. The estimate, if anything, errs on the safe side and calls for no special remark.

On the other hand, the figures on the Expenditure side show some very substantial alterations from the budget for previous years, and that all these alterations are very necessary and beneficial, we feel sure, Your Highness will admit, and we trust that many of the provisions now made may come to be regarded as permanent ones and that they may be regarded by Your Highness as inviolable.

It was originally intended that the provision for Your Highness' purely personal expenditure should be placed at Rs. 3,54,000, and though this figure will be found in the budget, it has, owing to circumstances which will be dealt with in the paragraph of our report concerning Your Highness' liabilities, become liable to a first charge which will necessitate Your Highness' keeping the actual expenditure for Your Highness and Her Highness' personal use within Rs. 2,54,000. The total provision under Household has been placed at Rs. 7,61,958 as against an actual expenditure in 1902-03 of Rs. 8,99,672.

These figures, as they stand, would alone indicate, we think, Your Highness' determination to try and keep the personal and Household expenditure within a reasonable percentage of the total revenue of the State.

It is true that the actual expenditure of Rs. 8,99,672 includes an actual expenditure of Rs. 79,901 for the Delli Durbar and the local celebration of the Coronation, but even if this item be deducted from the figures of last year, the estimate for Household expenditure in 1903-04 will compare very favourably with the actual expenditure under the same head in 1902-03. When, however, in addition to this apparent improvement, it is borne in mind that the actuals under this head for 1902-03 included absolutely no provision for the Children's Fund, whilst the smaller figure in the estimate for 1903-04 does include a substantial provision of Rs. 1,50,000 for this purpose, we feel we can congratulate Your Highness on having taken the first step towards a very necessary reform in your Household budget.

In other words, in addition to an actual reduction of Rs. 1,47,299 in the Household allotment in the estimate for 1903-04, as compared to the revised estimate for 1902-03, Your Highness has provided Rs. 1,50,000 for the Children's Fund on account of which the revised estimate for 1902-03 made no provision whatsoever.

Apart from this improvement in the Household budget, on the Expenditure side of the State budget will be found a head, *viz.* VI Reserve Fund, which has hitherto never found a place in the budget, and for which the Council have always been anxious to make provision. Under this head a sum of Rs. 50,000 has been allotted. It is Your Highness' intention that the fund so started should be added to year by year and invested in Government securities. The formation of such a fund has been frequently urged by the Council and we feel it will be of such great value to Your Highness that we trust, now it has been started, Your Highness will see your way to annually make some addition to it and regard it as inviolable. Provision has been made for the usual payment of Rs. 1,00,000 towards the Railway loan, and the last instalment towards the purchase price of Colinton has also been provided for.

If strictly adhered to, we feel that the budget arrangements for the present year will give satisfaction to Your Highness and will meet with the approval of Government.

16. *Your Highness' Personal and other Liabilities.*—Your Highness' liabilities may be classed as follows :—

- (a.) Liabilities which the State has incurred on your behalf and for which the State is responsible, and
- (b.) Your Highness' personal liabilities.

The former need not be seriously considered. They consist of the balance of the loan from Government for the construction of the Cooch Behar Railway and a small balance of the purchase price of Colinton. With regard to the latter there was a small balance due on this account of Rs. 20,000 on the 31st of March 1903. Since then, however, this has been paid together with all interest up to date, and Your Highness is once and for all free of this charge.

With regard to the Railway loan, exact particulars will be found in a separate paragraph under this head. It is sufficient here to state that the balance of this account shows that on the 31st March 1903, a sum of Rs. 2,65,999-10-10 was due to Government. Since then a further instalment of Rs. 1,00,000 has been provided, if it has not already been paid, for the year 1903-04, at the end of which year the balance due to Government will be about Rs. 1,75,000. The loan is fully covered by a

mortgage on Your Highness' Chaklajat Estates and the liability will be liquidated entirely by the close of 1905-06. Your Highness will then be in possession of an asset valued, approximately, at Rs. 20,00,000 in the shape of the Cooch Behar State Railway. The State liabilities, therefore, are practically a negligible quantity.

In the case of Your Highness' personal liabilities, however, the situation is a more serious one. At the time the budget for 1903-04 was being prepared, Your Highness informed the Council of the existence of personal liabilities to the extent of 6 lakhs and we sincerely hope that beyond this heavy sum there may be no further liabilities either in England or in India with regard to which Your Highness has not taken us into your confidence.

Under these circumstances, it was necessary in the ensuing and subsequent years to set aside adequate provision for the payment of these debts.

It was only possible to do this by the reduction of Your Highness' personal allotments. To do this, the provision for Your Highness' Household and personal expenditure had to be recast as follows :—

	1903-1904.	1904-1905.	1905-1906.	1906-1907.	1907-1908.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
His Highness' personal expenses	2,54,000	2,51,000	2,54,000	3,04,000	4,00,000
Repayments of debts ...	1,00,000	1,50,000	1,50,000	2,00,000	.....
Children's Fund ...	1,50,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
Other household charges ...	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000	2,50,000
Total	7,54,000	7,51,000	7,54,000	8,54,000	7,50,000

The fact that the Railway loan will have been liquidated by the end of 1905-06 will set free an additional lakh for payment of debts etc. in 1906-07, and will result in placing at the disposal of the State Rs. 1,00,000 for investment for the year 1907-08 and onwards.

Under the above arrangement, it was contemplated that the State would have liquidated the debts in four years on the supposition that all charges on account of interest should be made a first charge on the provision for Your Highness' personal expenditure.

Owing, however, to the fact that Your Highness' personal allotment had already been so much reduced that it might possibly be unable to bear the interest charges, and as it became apparent that the various firms and tradesmen were unwilling to wait so long for their money, Your Highness decided, with the approval of the Council, to concentrate your debts in one place as far as possible.

To enable this to be done, the Council were authorized to negotiate a loan of 3 lakhs with the Alliance Bank of Simla. To this the Bank have agreed, charging interest at 6 per cent. and attaching certain reasonable conditions. The whole arrangements for the loan were, of course, subject to Government sanction, and this, as Your Highness is aware, has been applied for.

The following statement will show the manner in which all Your Highness' debts, including the debt to the Bank, together with interest, will be liquidated.

YEAR.	Detail of payments.	English and Indian shop bills.	Alliance Bank.	Interest.	Annual allotment for payment of debts as shewn in para 10 of letter No. 2718 dated 24-2-03.
1908-04	To payment of Indian and other bills ...	91,000	.....	.....	1,00,000
	To interest on loan from Alliance Bank of Simla for $\frac{1}{2}$ year ending 31st December 1903.	.....	.....	9,000	
1904-05	To payment of Indian and other bills ...	1,82,000	.....	.....	1,50,000
	To interest on loan from Alliance Bank for 1 year.	.....	.....	18,000	
1905-06	To repayment of principal of loan from Alliance Bank.	.....	1,32,000	.....	1,50,000
	To interest on loan from Alliance Bank for 1 year.	.....	.....	18,000	
1906-07	To repayment of balance of principal of loan from Alliance Bank.	.....	1,68,000	.....	2,00,000
	To interest on balance for 1 year ...	.....	.....	10,080	
	To payment of other Indian bills ...	21,920	.....	.....
	Total ...	2,44,920	3,00,000	55,080	6,00,000

From the above it will be seen that by the end of 1906-07 the whole of Your Highness' debts, with the exception of Rs. 55,080, will have been paid off. The balance of Rs. 55,080 will have to be provided for in the budget for 1907-08 and debited against the proposed allotment of Rs. 4,00,000 for Your Highness' personal expenditure in that year (*Vide* statement in page 7). By the end of 1906-07, if the proposed arrangements are strictly adhered to, Your Highness will not only be free of all your debts but will have $4\frac{1}{2}$ lakhs accumulated in the Children's Fund, together with, it is to be hoped, a substantial balance under the head of Reserve Fund which has recently found a place in the budget.

✓ We trust Your Highness may see your way to steadfastly maintain all the provisions outlined above.

We cannot lay too much stress on the necessity for this. They all form part of certain promises which Your Highness made to the Bengal Government. They have received the approval and support of the Local Government, and any failure now to fulfil the obligations you have taken on yourself must inevitably entail dissatisfaction on the part of the Local Government and disapproval on the part of the Government of India. We have felt it our duty to urge this view of the case for Your Highness' consideration.

To enable Your Highness to live strictly within the very decreased allotments, which Your Highness has made for personal expenditure and other household charges, it will be necessary for Your Highness to exercise the very greatest economy and supervision under all items of this head of the Household budget.

17. *Cash balance.*—The actual cash balance at the close of the year under report was Rs. 9,38,805, of which Rs. 7,27,358 was the cash balance of the State. The difference between these two amounts represents the value of Government and other deposits held in the Treasury. The actual closing

balance of Rs. 7,27,358 included Rs. 1,42,976 on account of the Chaklajat Estates. The actual opening balance for the year was Rs. 6,16,058, of which Rs. 1,37,505 was on account of the Chaklajat Estates. These figures show a very substantial improvement of the cash balance during the year, and in this connection we would here repeat what we said on this subject at the close of paragraph 21 of the report for 1901-02.

18. *Administration and Debutter.*—The figures under these two heads in the accounts of the year under review are normal and call for no special remark. The increase under Administration observable in the estimate for 1903-04 (*vide* statement at paragraph 13 above) is due to the inclusion, under this head of the statement, of the Rs. 50,000 placed to the Reserve Fund. This is not, of course, strictly an administrative charge, and deducting this sum, the charges for administration and control shew some slight decrease on the estimate under this head for 1902-03.

The figures shewn in the statement above referred to under Administration and Control are perhaps misleading without a word of explanation. For the sake of convenience, many items, such as Government Tribute, Land Revenue and Cesses for Your Highness' Zemindaries, and various other charges have been included in this figure, which are not, of course, strictly administrative charges.

The cost of Administration and Control, pure and simple, in the State amounts annually to about 8 lakhs inclusive, of course, of all Public Works expenditure.

19. *Your Highness' Estates and Zemindaries.*—The following statement will show briefly the estimated and actual receipts and expenditure on Your Highness' Estates and Zemindaries in 1902-1903 together with the estimates for 1903-1904.

Names of Estates.	1902-1903.						1903-1904.	
	Receipts.			Expenditure.			Estimated receipts.	Estimated expenditure.
	Estimate.	Revised estimate.	Actual.	Estimate.	Revised estimate.	Actual.		
Simla	8,257	18,917	18,793	7,082	22,032	20,842	7,715	2,532
Darjeeling	63,935	57,000	59,690	63,418	65,614	62,738	66,156	53,141
Chaklajat	4,06,757	4,09,729	4,25,086	2,48,698	2,49,375	2,44,495	4,09,194	2,48,324
Panga... ..	27,400	27,400	21,987	26,166	33,941	31,715	27,400	32,091

Simla Estate.—This property continues to be an unsatisfactory investment. The Superintendent of the State has frequently urged Your Highness to sell this property, and the Council would strongly support his recommendation.

The property is old. It was in a thorough state of disrepair. In 1899 the Superintendent of the State urged that there were only 3 courses to be adopted, either :—

1. To invest sufficient money in the property to justify the expectation of some return. To do this it was necessary to practically rebuild the property.
2. To keep on patching it up from year to year and trying to keep it in a lettable condition.
3. To sell the property.

The last alternative was the one which was strongly recommended. Failing this the first seemed best. On no grounds could the second be recommended, and yet it was this very one that Your Highness decided to adopt. What the result of this has been the following statement will shew.

Year.	Actual expenditure on				Actual receipt.
	Establishment.	Repair.	Miscellaneous.	Total.	
1898-99	Rs. 660	Rs. 1,725	Rs. 1,259	Rs. 3,644	Rs. 7,585
1899-00	660	10,234	854	11,748	200
1900-01	660	2,569	1,932	5,161	1,453
1901-02	787	1,588	1,302	3,677	4,052
1902-03	696	18,654	1,492	20,842	3,843
Total	3,463	34,770	6,839	45,072	17,133

From the above it will be seen that the property, so far from being of any value to Your Highness, has, as a matter of fact, resulted in a net cost to Your Highness of Rs. 5,000 odd per annum for the last 5 years. With houses in the condition in which they were in when the present Superintendent of the State took over charge, and with the difficulty experienced in letting them owing to uncertainty in Your Highness' and Her Highness' plans, it was inevitable that it should be otherwise.

It is trusted that the money invested on the property during the year under report may result in the houses being let for the next 2 or 3 years at all events. But the remedies the property requires are far more drastic than those that have hitherto been applied, and we would once again earnestly beg Your Highness to consider the advisability of parting with this property. It labours, moreover, under the disadvantage of being too far from Cooch Behar to be effectively managed from there, whilst the property is too small to support a wholetime or responsible agent.

During the year under report, the Rose Bank portion of the Simla property was acquired by Government. For this Your Highness received Rs. 14,950 under the provisions of the Land Acquisition Act. This sum Your Highness very wisely, we think, decided to spend on improving the remainder of the property. Details of this expenditure and the alterations and improvements that have been made with it form the subject of a separate report, which has been submitted for Your Highness' information by the Superintendent of the State. As matters stand at present, nothing can make the property a paying investment, and once more we would beg of Your Highness to consider our advice as to parting with it.

20. *Darjeeling Estate*.—With this property it is quite different, and this is as satisfactory a property as the Simla one is unsatisfactory. The original estimate for the year under report was framed as follows.—

Receipts	...	...	Rs. 63,935.
Expenditure	...	...	Rs. 63,418.

In the revised figures for the year, the receipts fell to Rs. 57,000 owing to certain irrecoverable sums being written off. On this subject a special report was submitted to Your Highness by the Superintendent of the State. The revised estimate of expenditure at the same time became Rs. 65,614.

In the actual accounts for the year the figures stood as follows :—

Receipts Rs. 59,690.

Expenditure Rs. 62,738.

This would at first sight appear to make the property anything but a remunerative one. It is to be remembered, however, that owing to unforeseen circumstances the actual receipts fell to considerably less than they would ordinarily have been. The receipts do not, under any circumstances, ordinarily fall below Rs. 65,000, whilst the expenditure includes such items as—

- (a) Rs. 20,000 towards the purchase price of Colinton.
- (b) Rs. 2,000 (approximately) interest on balance of price of Colinton.
- (c) Rs. 9,752 for addition to Rockville bringing in enhanced rent at 12 per cent. on the outlay.

The above are not fair charges against the management of the property, and the net receipts of the property would be not less than Rs. 30,000 to Rs. 35,000 per annum if such charges had not to be debited against the cost of maintenance of the property. The property is a good one. The last payment towards the purchase of Colinton has now been made in 1903-04, and with the settlement of this demand on the resources of the property, it is to be hoped Your Highness will now agree to the erection of new houses on several favourable sites at Your Highness' disposal. During the year under report, Mr. R. Harrison, the Manager of the property, died suddenly, and Mr. W. H. Edwards has been appointed to succeed him. The terms and conditions under which Mr. Edwards has been appointed, have been separately reported to Your Highness by the Superintendent of the State.

The account of this estate closed with a cash balance of Rs. 9,503 on the 31st March 1903. The Superintendent of the State is arranging to have a new valuation of the property made up to date.

21. *Chaklajat Estates*.—The actual collection from this property for the year under report amounted to Rs. 4,25,086, or Rs. 15,357 better than the revised estimate.

The actual expenditure for the year was Rs. 2,44,495, or Rs. 4,880 less than the revised estimate. Out of the revenue of this estate, Rs. 1,00,000 was paid to Government on account of the Railway loan and Rs. 49,858 was remitted to the Cooch Behar Treasury.

The account of this estate closed with a cash balance of Rs. 1,42,976, which was better than the revised estimate by Rs. 4,771 and the actual of 1901-02 by Rs. 5,471. This is by far the most valuable of Your Highness' properties outside the State, and it reflects credit on the care which the Manager gives to it.

22. *Panga Estate*.—The revenue derivable from this property shows a tendency to decrease and is less than it was in 1901-1902. Out of an estimate of Rs. 27,400 for the year, only Rs. 21,987 was realized. This property is shortly to be resettled and the prospect of this and the preliminary measures have given rise to some irritation. When once the settlement has been properly completed, there is, we think, no doubt that the receipts from this property will show a very marked improvement.

The expenditure on the property for the year under report was Rs. 31,715, or Rs. 2,226 less than the revised estimate. The expenditure includes Rs. 12,291 actually spent for survey and settlement during the year.

During the year the Panga Kutchery has been practically rebuilt.

23. *Cooch Behar State Railway.*—The net earnings of the Railway for the year under report amounted to Rs. 78,088 against Rs. 76,852 in the previous year. The net earnings for the year represent $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent on the total Capital outlay, which up to the 31st December 1902 amounted to Rs. 14,61,578, of which Rs. 65,811-14-4 was the credit balance belonging to the State in the hands of Government.

The estimated gross earnings for 1903-04 are placed at Rs. 1,04,000 and the expenditure at Rs. 43,632 (or 40 per cent. of the gross earnings plus certain medical and police charges) leaving the estimated net earnings at Rs. 60,368 and this, unless something very unforeseen occurs, should be an estimate erring considerably on the safe side, though the actual receipts in the year under report and the preceding year have, for reasons explained in last year's report, been phenomenally large.

The following statement will show the position of the Railway loan up to the 31st March 1903.

Particulars.	Amount.	Total.	Particulars.	Amount.	Total.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
TO AMOUNT PAID AS—					
Principal ...	86,292 9 6		By balance as per last account ...	.....	3,52,292 4 4
Interest ...	13,707 6 6		By amount of interest due on the loan from 19th December 1901 to 17th December 1902 ...	.....	13,707 6 6
Balance ...	.....	1,00,000 0 0			
Total ...	.....	2,65,999 10 10			
		3,65,999 10 10	Total ...	.....	3,65,999 10 10

Since the 31st March 1903, a further sum of Rs. 1,00,000 has been provided towards the liquidation of this debt.

The original loan was 8 lakhs and this was increased to 10 lakhs by the postponement of the annual instalment for 2 years and the devotion of this money to further extension.

24. *Summary.*—On the whole working of the year under report, Your Highness has, we think, reason to be satisfied. It ended with a substantial surplus notwithstanding that for a considerable portion of the year both Your Highness and the Maharani were in England, and notwithstanding the expenditure of $\frac{3}{4}$ of a lakh, approximately, for the Delhi Durbar.

For the current year the arrangements are, we venture to hope, still more satisfactory. In addition to a workable balance, at the end of the year Your Highness should find yourself with Rs. 50,000 in your newly formed Reserve Fund, and Rs. 1,50,000 to the credit of the Children's Fund, whilst Rs. 1,00,000, it is to be hoped, will have been paid towards the reduction of Your Highness' debts.

The knowledge of this large and unexpected liability has necessarily caused us much anxiety, and we would, in closing our remarks, once more respectfully remind Your Highness of the necessity that all the arrangements made for the year should most strictly and scrupulously be adhered to, and that the only possible hope of this lies in Your Highness' taking special pains to see that the household expenditure is so efficiently checked and controlled, as to enable you to fulfil your obligations to Government, to Your State and to Your Highness' children. It is in this direction alone that we have any need for anxiety in connection with Cooch Behar finances.

III.—C. B. S. RAILWAY AND MISCELLANEOUS.

25. *Cooch Behar State Railway and connected works*.—The Cooch Behar State Railway continued to be worked under the management of the Eastern Bengal State Railway as heretofore.

26. *Revenue, Results and Traffic of the Railway*.—The following statement shows the Revenue, Results and Traffic working of the line during the year 1902 and the previous year:—

				For the year.	
				1901.	1902.
Mean-mileage worked	...	...	Miles	33·78	33·60
Train-mileage	...	...	"	56,116	83,938
Gross earnings	...	...	Ra.	1,27,596	1,24,741
Working expenses	...	...	"	52,929	50,289
Net earnings	...	...	"	74,667	74,452
Percentage of working expenses on gross earnings	...	...		41·40	40·31
Percentage of net earnings on Capital outlay, including suspense	...	...		5·25	5·33

27. *Protective work of the Torsa Bridge*.—Owing to the heavy rain-fall during the year under report, there was an attempt, on the part of the river, to cut a new channel on the south of the Railway bridge. Steps were taken and this was prevented. The Manager, Eastern Bengal State Railway, has informed the Council that the Government of India have authorized the Eastern Bengal State Railway Administration to charge the sum of Rs. 28,482, which was spent on protecting the bridge during the floods of 1902, to Revenue against 40 per cent. of the gross earnings received by the Railway for the working and maintenance of the line, and to ask the Cooch Behar State to provide a further sum of Rs. 1,11,870 for protective work. This estimate has been accepted by Your Highness. Of this amount, Rs. 15,000 has been provided during the year under report; Rs. 60,000 has been provided during the next year and the balance in 1904-05.

A further representation is being addressed to Government as to the total cost of the Torsa Bridge and the allocation of charges on account of its construction and reconstruction. The original estimate for this bridge was Rs. 1,13,706; the total expenditure on it up to 1904-05 will be Rs. 3,78,842 inclusive of protection charges, and this through no fault of the State.

The question of conversion of the line to metre gauge is still in abeyance, though it has not been lost sight of. The possibility of conversion must depend on the possibility of disposing of the existing 2' 6" rolling stock and material.

28. *Cession of Jurisdiction over Railway lands*.—The Government of India in their Notification No. 1102 I.B. of the 6th of March 1903, have intimated the cession of jurisdiction by Your Highness of every kind over the lands lying within the State, which are, or may hereafter be, occupied by the Bengal-Duars Railway and the Eastern Bengal State Railway and the Kaunia-Dhubri Section of the Eastern Bengal State Railway.

No final decision has been received from the Government of Bengal regarding the reversion of lands to the State in the event of their ceasing to be required for the purpose for which they were ceded (*Vide* para. 37, p. 13 of the last Annual report.)

29. *Municipality*.—Your Highness was pleased to sanction that the daily bazaar collections at Dinhata and Mathabhanga were to be made over to the Municipalities at those places. Your Highness was further pleased to

sanction a supplementary grant of Rs. 200 to the Haldibari Town Committee from the daily bazaar collections at that place, and, also, to the registration of all carts kept and used within the municipal limits of the town of Mathabhanga and of those which are kept without such limits within the radius of 2 miles, but which habitually ply for hire within such limits.

30. *Realization of Grazing fees.*—Your Highness was pleased to sanction the following scale of grazing fees for *khass* lands in Pergunah Toofangunj only :—

	For permanent herds.			For animals brought for a time only annually.			Each annually
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	
Buffaloes (both male and female) ...	0	8	0	0	6	0	}
Buffalo calves ...	0	2	0	0	2	0	
Cows and bullocks including bulls ...	0	5	0	0	3	0	
Cow calves ...	0	1	0	0	1	0	

31. *Acquisition of land for public purposes.*—Lands aggregating 589 Bighas 5 Dhurs were acquired in different parts of the State during the year under report.

32. *Pensions, gratuities and allowances.*—Pensions and allowances aggregating Rs. 3,779 per annum, and gratuities to the extent of Rs. 104 were sanctioned by Your Highness during the year under report.

33. *Council Office Establishment.*—We have every reason to be satisfied with the work done by the Council office establishment.

We have the honor to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS'

Most obedient servants,

J. COLVIN, MAJOR,

Superintendent of the State, Vice-President.

CALICA DOSS DUTT,

Dewan of the State, Member.

PRIYANATH DATTA,

Civil and Sessions Judge of the State,

Judicial Member.

I.—Statement showing the Revenue and Expenditure of the Cooch Behar State for the year ending 31st March 1903.

REVENUE.	Revised Estimates for 1902-1903.	Accounts for 1902-1903.	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTUALS AND REVISED ESTIMATES.		EXPENDITURE.	Revised Estimates for 1902-1903.	Accounts for 1902-1903.	DIFFERENCE BETWEEN ACTUALS AND REVISED ESTIMATES.	
			Increase.	Decrease.				Increase.	Decrease.
L.—Household—	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
II.—General Revenue—					I.—Household expenses.				
a. Land Revenue	12,38,896	12,38,964	68		(a) His Highness' Personal expenses	5,60,000	5,60,000		
b. Stamps	1,46,000	1,43,292	3,292		(b) Rajbari garden &c.,	6,000	5,991		9
c. Excise	1,03,421	1,04,085	664		Total of strictly Personal charges	5,66,000	5,65,991		9
d. Interest on Loans	2,100	2,451	351		(c) Maintenance of Rajguns and education of Maharajkumars.	1,27,684	1,25,680		1,004
e. Sundries	7,500	9,972	2,472		(d) Philkhana and stables	44,691	42,614		2,077
					(e) Band	20,944	20,375		569
III.—Law and Justice—					(f) Miscellaneous	1,49,938	1,43,512		6,426
a. Civil & Sessions Court	200	352	152		Total Household expenses	9,09,257	8,99,872		9,585
b. Registration	9,900	9,309	309						
IV.—Miscellaneous—					II.—Administration—				
a. Criminal Justice	4,800	6,531	1,731		1. Control	70,753	69,180		1,573
b. Jail	6,867	5,041		1,826	2. General	4,64,754	4,50,581		14,173
c. Education, Science and Arts	7,425	9,018	1,593		3. Revenue	1,71,783	1,69,987		1,796
d. Public Works	9,500	7,486		2,014	4. Law and Justice	55,028	54,323		700
e. Sundries	2,818	3,133	315		5. Miscellaneous	70,516	67,115		3,401
					III.—Debtor	48,429	47,798		631
V.—Debtor	1,10,000	1,11,215	1,215		IV.—His Highness' Estates—				
					(a.) Simla Estate	22,062	20,842		1,190
VI.—His Highness' Estates—					(b.) Darjeeling Estate	65,614	62,738		2,876
a. Simla Estate	18,917	18,793		124	(c.) Chakrajat Estates	2,49,375	2,44,495		4,880
b. Darjeeling Estate	57,000	59,690	2,690		(d.) Panga Estate	33,941	31,715		2,226
c. Chakrajat Estates	4,09,729	4,25,086	15,357		V.—Cooch Behar State Railway	51,186	53,268		2,082
d. Panga Estate	27,400	21,987		5,413	Total	22,12,663	21,71,714		40,949
VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway	1,20,120	1,13,356	11,236		Railway Capital Expenditure	147	147		
Total Revenue	22,94,099	23,26,409	32,310		Repayment of Railway Loan	1,00,000	1,00,000		
Railway Capital Account	30,000	30,000			Total Expenditure	23,12,810	22,71,861		40,949
Grand Total	23,24,099	23,56,409	32,310		Surplus	11,289	84,548		73,259
					Grand Total	23,24,099	23,56,409		32,310

His Highness' Office, Audit Department,
The 13th July 1903.AMRITA LAL SEN,
Accountant-General, Cooch Behar State.

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FROM

MAJOR J. R. C. COLVIN, I.A.,
SUPERINTENDENT OF THE STATE,
COOCH BEHAR.

To

HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR
IN COUNCIL, COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 13th August 1903.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit the Annual Report for the year 1902-03 on all Departments of Your Highness' administration directly under the control of the Superintendent of the State.

I held charge of the office of Superintendent of the State uninterruptedly during the whole of the year under review.

I.—ADMINISTRATION OF CRIMINAL JUSTICE.

2. *Charge of the Fouzdari Ahilkar's office.*—Babu Hari Das Mukherji was in charge of the Fouzdari Ahilkar's office throughout the year.

3. *Criminal statistics.*—The number of cases for the past 3 years is given below.—

Years.	Offences.		Total.
	Cognizable.	non-cognizable.	
1900-1901	1435	1337	2772
1901-1902	1366	1182	2548
1902-1903	1481	1306	2787

It will be seen that the number of cases reported during the year was 2,787 against 2,548 of the preceding year, or an increase of 239 cases. Certain classes of crime, more noticeably lurking house trespass and criminal trespass, have shewn some tendency to increase. There has also been some increase in the number of cases under the Arms Act, and in cases under the Cooch Behar Town Committee Act and other special local laws.

The year, generally, has been marked by the comparative absence of heinous offences. One case of murder and one dacoity were reported during the year. In the former the accused was convicted and sentenced to transportation for life. The latter case was returned in a "C" True form. The case was technically dacoity, but was not the work of any gang of professional dacoits.

4. *Number of Persons brought to Trial and Percentage of Convictions to Number of Persons tried.*—The statement below gives all information for three years regarding the number of persons brought to trial, and the percentage of persons convicted.

Particulars.	1900-1901.			1901-02.			1902-1903.		
	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.	Cognizable.	Non-cognizable.	Total.
Number of cases reported	1,435	1,337	2,772	1,366	1,182	2,548	1,481	1,306	2,787
Number of persons brought to trial	759	938	1,697	753	803	1,556	878	897	1,775
Convicted	473	493	966	478	407	885	562	448	1,010
Released	256	399	655	245	365	610	257	389	646
Otherwise disposed of	1	2	3	1	0	1	1	2	3
Pending at the end of the year	29	44	73	29	31	60	58	58	116
Percentage of conviction to numbers tried	64.79	55.26	59.59	66.11	52.72	59.19	68.53	52.52	61.00

It will be seen that the percentage of conviction to the total number tried has risen in cognizable cases from 66.11 in 1901-02 to 68.53 in the year under review, whilst it is almost the same in non-cognizable cases. But in the total percentage there is a slight increase from 59.19 in 1901-02 to 61.00 in the year under report.

5. *Cases not inquired into.*—During the year the Police refused inquiry into 151 cases against 125 of the previous year under section 157 (b), Criminal Procedure Code.

6. *Abstract of Heinous Cases.*—There was only one case of murder.

The accused was committed to the sessions by the Naib Ahilkar of Dinbata. He was sentenced to transportation for life under section 302, Indian Penal Code.

Murder.

Seven cases were reported during the year. Of these 4 ended in conviction, 2 under section 323, Indian Penal Code, and 2 under sections 304 and 325, Indian Penal Code, whilst 3 ended in the acquittal of the accused.

Culpable Homicide.

Seven cases were reported during the year against 3 of the year previous. of which 6 were reported false and the one committed to the sessions ended in the acquittal of the accused.

Rape.

Only one case was reported during the year against 3 of the previous year. This case was returned in

Unnatural Offences.

"B True" form.

Robbery.

Two cases were reported during the year one of which was returned in "C" True form and the other was dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code.

Dacoity.

Only one case was reported during the year and this has, since the close of the year, been returned in

"C" True form.

There were 44 cases reported during the year and 6 were pending from the year previous. 40 out of these 50 cases were dismissed under section 203, Criminal Procedure Code, 4 were declared false and 3 were returned in "C" True form and 2 remained pending at the close of the year. In one case in which two accused were sent up, conviction was obtained against only one of them under sections 497 and 498, while the other accused was acquitted.

Kidnapping.

7. *Appeals.*—Out of the cases in which 877 people were punished by various Courts, only 87 appeals were preferred, in 64 of which the order was confirmed, in 10 the order was modified and in 7 cases the original order was reversed. Two appeals were rejected and 4 remained pending at the close of the year. The percentage in which the order was reversed was 8.43 against 10 of the preceding year. This figure is, I think, satisfactory. In no particular Court was the percentage of cases in which orders were reversed specially noticeable.

8. *Result of Sessions Cases.*—The number of sessions cases shows a considerable decrease. In the year under report, altogether 16 persons in 12 cases were committed to the Sessions Court as compared to 46 persons in 20 cases in the preceding year. The percentage of persons convicted to persons committed rose from 23.49 last year to 43.75 in the year under report. There is still a tendency on the part of Magistrates to strain the discretion given to them under section 209 of the Criminal Procedure Code, and they are somewhat inclined to usurp under this section the powers which the Sessions Court alone should exercise in cases exclusively triable by a Court of Sessions. One case remained pending at the close of the year.

9. *Distribution of Work.*—The total number of cases tried in all the Courts (including 151 cases pending from the previous years) was 2,938, and the percentage of conviction was 61.00 against 59.19 of the preceding year. The heaviest work fell to the share of Babu Hari Das Mukherji, Babu Hari Nath Basu, Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterji and Babu Padma Nath Das.

10. *Undertrial Prisoners.*—The period during which undertrial prisoners have been detained in the various Courts has in no case been unduly long. The longest period of detention was 76 days in the Court of the Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj. This delay was unavoidable, as witnesses had to be summoned from places outside the State. In visiting the undertrial ward in the Jail this matter is one which has always received very careful attention.

11. *Realization of Fines.*—The amount of fines imposed during the year was Rs. 5,162-5 against Rs. 5,133-15 in the previous year, and the amount realized during the year was Rs. 5,162-0-3 against Rs. 4,885-0-3 in the year preceding. The outstanding balance at the end of the year was Rs. 424-4-6 against Rs. 5,23-15-9 of the previous year. The work done in the realization of Judicial fines compares favourably with the results of preceding years.

12. *Stamps and Court Fees.*—The amount realized from Stamps and Court Fees was Rs. 4,926-3-6 against Rs. 5,097-4 of the previous year. This shows a slight falling off.

13. *Detention of Witnesses.*—The table below shows the number of witnesses and their detention before the Criminal Courts in the State.

Name and designation of Magistrate.	Number of witnesses who appeared during the year.	Number of witnesses examined.	Number of witnesses discharged without examination.	Number of witnesses not examined and finally discharged.	DETENTION OF WITNESSES ENTERED IN COLUMNS 3 AND 4 FOR—						
					One day.	Two days.	Three days.	Four days.	Five to seven days.	Eight to fifteen days.	More than fifteen days.
SUDDER.											
Babu Hari Das Mukherji, Fouzdari Ahilkar	856	823	33	...	811	45	...	...	...	...	...
" Gopal Chandra Chatterji, Naib Ahilkar	36	36	...	...	35	...	1	...	...	...	...
" Harendra Narayan Chaudhuri, Naib Ahilkar.	39	39	...	...	24	9	6	...	...	...	...
" Pramatha Nath Chatterji, Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	413	413	...	...	281	115	17	...	...	*	...
" Bama Charan Neogi, Sub-Naib Ahilkar	179	179	...	...	136	43	...	...	...	...	...
" Pramatha Nath Chatterji, Additional Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	218	218	...	...	155	61	2	...	...	...	...
" Jagad Ballav Biswas, Ditto.	21	21	...	...	21	...	...	...	...	...	...
" Mon Mohan Buxi, Honorary Magistrate	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1,768	1,730	33	...	1,464	273	26	...	...	...	...
TOOPANGUNJ.											
" Padma Nath Das, Naib Ahilkar	434	388	43	3	309	74	44	4	...	...	...
Total	434	388	43	3	309	74	44	4	...	...	...
DINHATA.											
Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar	948	718	233	2	704	212	29	1	...	...	...
" Rajani Kanta Bhaumick, Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	1,121	883	238	...	745	244	96	36	...	...	...
Total	2,069	1,596	471	2	1,449	456	125	37	...	...	...
MATHABHANGA.											
Babu Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahilkar	757	671	68	18	657	71	11	...	...	...	...
" Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	879	845	34	...	870	9	...	...	...	...	...
Total	1,136	1,016	102	18	1,027	80	11	...	...	...	...
MEKLI GUNJ.											
Babu Bama Charan Neogi, Naib Ahilkar	297	247	33	17	212	54	5	4	5	...	...
" Gopal Chandra Chatterji, Naib Ahilkar	209	186	23	...	189	21	11	8	...	...	...
Total	506	433	56	17	381	75	16	12	5	...	...
HALDIBARI.											
Honorary Magistrate's file	62	52	10	...	49	4	9	...	...	...	...
Total	62	52	10	...	49	4	9	...	...	...	...
Grand Total	5,970	5,215	715	40	4,679	962	281	53	5	...	...

Out of 5,970 witnesses who appeared before the Criminal Courts, 5,215 were examined, and of these 4,679, or about 80 per cent., were detained for

one day only; 962 for 2 days; 231 for 3 days; 53 for 4 days; and 5 for 5 to 7 days.

14. *Village Chowkidars*.—There were 1,569 Chowkidars and their pay varies from a maximum of Rs. 6 to a minimum of Rs. 4-8-6.

The number of petitions for realization of pay presented by Chowkidars rose from 1,259 in 1901-02 to 1,414 in the year under review.

The following table shows the result of collection of arrears of Chowkidari tax through the agency of the Police :—

Sub-division.	Sum realized in 1900-1901.			Sum realized in 1901-1902			Sum realized in 1902-1903.		
	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Sudder	941	1	3	677	13	9	689	10	9
Toofangunj	244	13	0	200	3	9	164	14	6
Dinhata	546	12	9	498	0	6	402	4	6
Mathabhanga	2,182	10	6	1,558	12	3	1,462	14	6
Mekligunj	974	5	9	557	7	3	365	18	9
Total	4,889	11	3	3,492	5	6	3,085	10	0

It will be observed that the result of collection shows a considerable falling off except Mathabhanga where the result of collection is good. The attention of the Fouzdari Ahilkar is being drawn to it.

I have already in my previous reports remarked that the collection of arrears of Chowkidari tax greatly interferes with the more legitimate duties of the Police, and I have always had reason to object to it.

To ameliorate this anomalous state of affairs, I have, in my letter No. 935 dated 8th July 1903, suggested the collection of this arrear through the Punchayets as an experimental measure. This practice is in vogue in Bengal. If this is sanctioned, it will to a great extent relieve the Police of this duty.

Out of the total sum of Rs. 3,085-10 realized, Rs. 2,624-6-6 was paid to the Chowkidars and Rs. 461-3-6 remained undischarged at the close of the year.

During the year under review Rs. 1,353 was paid to the Chowkidars as rewards and gratuities against Rs. 1,154 in the previous year.

The number of Punchayets, viz., 1,981 and the number of villages, as shown by the Dehabundi of 1897-98, remain unaltered. The Punchayets continued to work satisfactorily, though, I think, that the sphere of their usefulness might be somewhat further extended in the direction suggested by me.

15. *Cattle Pounds*.—There were 72 cattle pounds as compared with 71 maintained in the previous year, and the gross receipts from them amounted to Rs. 8,110-8 against Rs. 8,629-10 in the preceding year, showing a falling off of Rs. 519-2, whilst the cost of maintenance and establishment together with the amount of rewards paid for killing rabid dogs rose from Rs. 613-10-3 in 1901-02 to Rs. 629-10-6 in the year under report. The net profit in the working of the Pounds was Rs. 7,480-13-6 against Rs. 8,015-15-9 in the previous year. The larger expense was entirely due to the addition of a pucca plinth to the Sudder Cattle Pound where a corrugated iron shed was constructed during the previous year.

16. *Haldibari Bench*.—The Bench of Magistrates started in Haldibari since the commencement of the year under report has been working satisfactorily. During the year Mr. Gordon Wallace of Messrs. Landale & Clarke left Haldibari and his place has been filled by the appointment of Mr. Ganiaris of Messrs. Ralli Brothers. The Bench held 24 sittings during the year. It served a useful purpose and the question of some slight enhancement of their powers will be considered and form the subject of a separate report. During the year 67 cases were tried, of which 14 were made over to them by the Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj, and the remainder were cases under the Police and Town Committee Acts, for which formerly witnesses and accused would have been summoned to Mekligunj, a distance of 5 miles with the unbridged Teesta to be crossed. This meant that formerly, in the rains especially, for these petty cases the parties concerned had to be absent from their usual work for 3 days or so. The inconvenience caused by this was a constant source of complaint on the part of the various jute firms in Haldibari.

17. *Inspections and Tours*.—The Courts have been duly inspected by the Sessions Judge and the Fouzdari Ahilkar, though I regret that my own in-

spection was interrupted by my unavoidable absence for a great portion of the cold weather.

The Fouzdari Ahilkar was out on tour for 62 days. The Naib Ahilkars and Sub-Naib Ahilkar were all out on tour for the prescribed period with the exception of the Naib Ahilkar of Toofangunj and the Sub-Naib Ahilkars of Dinahata and Mathabhanga. The explanations submitted by them have been accepted.

18. *Crops, Condition and Health of the People.*—The prospects of the year and the health of the people on the whole have been favourable, though not altogether so favourable as in the preceding year. The abnormally heavy rain-fall, especially of June and July, considerably weakened the Bitri and Jute crops of the year, whilst, again, abnormally heavy rain in August and September seriously retarded the Haimanti rice.

The tobacco culture also was unsatisfactory. It was damaged by insects and hailstorms.

Cholera and small-pox showed themselves but in a more or less sporadic form.

Cattle disease, as usual, caused much havoc. 2,305 cases were reported during the year against 997 in 1901-02, and the number of deaths rose from 407 to 1,209, whilst the number of cases cured was 1,107 against 579 in the previous year. The services of the Veterinary Assistant proved very useful. The people, I am glad to report, are beginning to appreciate the usefulness of this institution and are willingly seeking the aid of the Veterinary Assistant.

The Veterinary Assistant, whose services had been obtained from the Bengal Veterinary Department, has been recalled and Rabindra Sing Kumar, a native of Cooch Behar, who has successfully passed the final examination of the Government Veterinary School at Calcutta, has been appointed in his place. The latter will shortly be sent to the Imperial Bacteriological Department at Kurgaina for special training in the use of serum for anti-Rinderpest inoculation.

POLICE.

19. *Charge.*—The office of the Superintendent of Police was in charge of Kumar Gojendra Narayan throughout the year under report, except from the 21st October to the 19th November 1902, during which he was absent on privilege leave, and charge rested with Inspector Guru Prasanna Sinha.

20. *Sanctioned strength and cost of Force.*—The strength of the force now stands at the strength sanctioned under the reorganization scheme of 1898. Inspector Guru Prasanna Sinha retired during the year under report and the post of one Inspector was absorbed and one 2nd grade Head-constable died, and the post of one Head-constable, which was in excess of the sanctioned number, was absorbed. The budget grant for the year under report was Rs. 56,377 against Rs. 56,284 in 1901-02. The slight excess of Rs. 93 over the allotment of the previous year is due to the fact that the annual increase to the pay of the Head Clerk and the Head Mohurir of the Police Office was provided for and Rs. 50 more was provided under "Repairs to and construction of Police buildings" to meet the increased requirement under that head, and that the pay of a runner on the Bakshirhat-Bhoishkuchi line was provided for the whole year.

The actual expenditure against the budget grant for the year was Rs. 53,164-2, shewing a saving of Rs. 3,212-14, which was due to the undisbursed pay of certain police officers on account of casualties and also to some saving under other heads.

The cost of that portion of the force employed purely in the detection and prevention of crime is Rs. 14,440, or, roughly, 4·88 pies per head of the population. The number of Police so employed gives one Policeman to every 9·4 square miles and one to every 4,078·9 of the population. The number so employed was the same, i.e., 139 as in the preceding year.

21. *Cognizable Crime.*—The number of cognizable cases taken up by the Police *suo motu* was 915 against 804 in the preceding year. The Superintendent of Police attributes this increase to the greater number of lurking house trespass, criminal trespass, house breaking and ordinary theft cases. The opening up of the State, both on the western and eastern sides, has no doubt led

to some increase of theft and other cases and has to some extent facilitated the movements of bad characters.

The total number of cases for disposal in 1902-03 including 16 cases pending from the preceding year was 931, of which 247 were sent up in "A" form. Of these 247 cases 23 were declared by the Magistrate to be false or based on mistake of facts; 2 cases were returned as "B" true; 2 as "B" false; 279 as "C" true and 138 as "C" false. In 151 cases the Police refused enquiry under Section 157 of the Criminal Procedure Code; 92 were non-first information cases and 13 cases remained under investigation with the Police on the 31st March 1903. Thus the percentage of true cases sent up in "A" form was 44·35 during the year against 43·32 in the preceding year and 35·00 in 1900-01.

22. *Proportion of Police to Population and Crime.*—The following table will shew the proportion of Police on purely police work (prevention and detection of crime) to population and crime and that of crime to population in the State during the last two years :—

* Year.	Police	Population.	Cognizable Crime.	Proportion of Police to population.	Proportion of Police to cases of cognizable crime investigated.	Proportion of cognizable crime investigated to population.
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
1902-03	139	5,66,973	1,048*	1:4078·9	1:7·53	1:541·00
1901-02	139	5,66,973	978	1:4078·9	1:7·02	1:580·23

The following table will shew the proportion of Police on purely police work (prevention and detection of crime) to population and area in the five Sub-divisions of the State during the last two years :—

DETAILS.			NAMES OF SUB-DIVISIONS.					
			Sudder.	Toofangunj.	Dinhata.	Mathabhanga.	Mekligunj.	Total.
* Area in square miles	...	...	284	223	269	334	197	1307
* Population	...	1902-1903 ...	1,21,809	78,438	1,43,900	1,40,183	87,843	5,66,973
COGNIZABLE CRIME.	Pending at the beginning of the year.	1902-1903 ...	26	2	13	8	12	61
	Reported during the year.	1901-1902 ...	35	9	7	5	6	62
	Pending at the end of the year.	1902-1903 ...	489	150	316	327	199	1,481
	Disposed of during the year.	1901-1902 ...	489	134	271	270	201	1,365
	Pending at the end of the year.	1902-1903 ...	26	5	10	7	7	65
	Disposed of during the year.	1901-1902 ...	26	2	13	8	12	61
	Pending at the end of the year.	1902-1903 ...	470	147	319	328	204	1,477
	Disposed of during the year.	1901-1902 ...	488	141	265	267	195	1,366
	Proportion of crime to population.	1902-1903 ...	1:248·68	1:489·58	1:455·37	1:428·69	1:441·42	1:382·83
	Proportion of crime to area.	1901-1902 ...	1:248·68	1:548·04	1:530·99	1:519·19	1:437·02	1:416·36

The proportion of Police employed purely in the prevention and detection of crime to cases of cognizable crime investigated, and the proportion of cases of cognizable crime investigated to population during the past year has been 1 to 7·53 and 1 to 541·00 respectively.

23. *Cases in which inquiry was refused by Police.*—The following comparative statement will show the number of cases reported during the year and that of cases reported in the previous year; and also the number of cases in which investigation was refused under Section 157(b) of the Criminal Procedure Code.

Number of cases.		Number of cases not inquired into.		Percentage of cases not inquired into to cases reported.		REMARKS.
1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	
804	915	125	151	15·5	16·5	

* This includes 183 petition cases referred to Police for investigation.

The percentage has very slightly increased. The reasons were fully explained in the last year's report.

24. *Petition Cases*.—The number of petition cases referred to by the Magistrate to the Police for investigation was 133 (exclusive of 3 cases pending from the previous year). Of these, 12 were returned in "A" form; 1 in "B" true; 10 in "C" true; 43 in "C" false; 69 reported summarily and 1 pending at the close of the year.

25. *Stolen Property*.—The following comparative statement shows the amount of property stolen and recovered during the year under report and also that of the previous year:—

Amount of property stolen.			Amount of property recovered.			Percentage of recovery.	
1901-1902.			1902-1903.			1901-1902.	1902-1903.
Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.
9,181	0	0	10,323	0	0	2,594	0
						0	0
						4,636	0
						0	0
						28.25	44.90

The percentage of property recovered to property stolen was 44.90 as compared to 28.25 of the preceding year. This figure would indicate some improvement. Figures as to the recovery of stolen property, however, depend so often on the nature and results obtained in one particular case perhaps as to be but a poor guide as to the working of the Police. The amount of property stolen in the year under report was Rs. 10,323 as against Rs. 9,181 in the preceding year, and the amounts recovered in this and the preceding years were, respectively, Rs. 4,636 and Rs. 2,594.

26. *Percentage of Convictions to Persons tried in Cognizable Cases*.—Of 878 persons tried in cognizable cases, 562 or 68.53 per cent. were convicted as compared to 66.11 in the preceding year. The percentage of conviction shows a slight improvement.

27. *Remands in Police Cases*.—The comparative table given below will show cases which have undergone the longest hearing with the names of the trying Magistrates.

Names of trying Magistrates.	No. of remands.	No. of case with offence and section.	Date of 'A' form.	Date of final order.	Duration of trial.	Orders.	REMARKS.
Babu Haridas Mukherji, Foudari Ahlikar.	12	[No. 3 of Aug. 02 Sec. 411 I. P. C. Railway case.	22-8-02	27-1-03	168 days	Convicted	Conviction set aside on appeal.
" Pramatha Nath Chatterji, Sub-Naib Ahlikar.	6	No. 10 of Dec. 02, Sec. 456 & 511 I. P. C. P.S. Kotwali.	20-12-02	12-3-03	82 days	Do.	
" Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahlikar.	6	No. 13 of Oct. 02, Sec. 304 I. P. C., P. S. Dinhat.	12-10-02	6-12-02	65 days	Committed to the Court of Sessions and convicted there under Section 523 I. P. C.	Convicted.
" Rajani Kanta Bhaumik, Sub-Naib Ahlikar.	7	No. 1 of April 02, Sec. 147 I. P. C., P. S. Dinhat.	9-4-02	30-6-03	83 days	Do.	
" Padma Nath Das, Naib Ahlikar	8	No. 4 of Aug. 02, Sec. 325 I. P. C., P. S. Fulbari.	22-9-02	12-1-03	112 days	Do.	
" Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahlikar	3	No. 3 of Dec. 02 Sec 379 I. P. C., P. S. Machabonga.	16-12-02	27-1-03	42 days	Do.	
" Kerasinha Chandra Ghosh, Sub-Naib Ahlikar.	6	No. 6 of April 02, Sec. 379 I. P. C., O. P. Shitalkhuchi.	17-4-02	5-5-02	18 days	Do.	
" Bama Charan Neogi, Naib Ahlikar.	6	No. 2 of Nov. 02, Secs. 380 & 75 I. P. C., P. S. Haldibari.	21-11-02	21-1-03	61 days	Do.	

In the matter of trial and conviction of persons in cognizable cases the results obtained in the year under report show some improvement on the results

in 1901-02. This improvement is still more noticeable in police *suo motu* cases. In no case have trials been unduly prolonged, and in the matter of the number and the reason for remands, I have no fault to find.

28. *Vagrancy and bad Characters*.—There was one case under this head in the year under report against 3 in the preceding year. One was pending at the close of the previous year. Both the cases ended in conviction and the accused were directed to furnish security for good behaviour.

29. *Re-convictions*.—Re-conviction was obtained in 25 cases as against 13 in the year before.

30. *Operations of the Arms Act*.—Against 145 licenses granted under the Arms Act in 1901-02 in the year under report, 158 have been granted. Twelve guns, 1 sword and 7 spears were seized during the year as against 6 guns and 2 spears in the preceding year. The number of seizures of arms under the Act shows a tendency to increase.

31. *Investigation of cases by Police Officers*.—The following is the detail of investigation by various officers:—

By Inspectors	...	...	...	Nil.
„ Sub-Inspectors	...	...	...	671
„ Head-constables	...	...	...	65
Refused investigation	...	...	...	151

The number of cases investigated by Head-constables under unavoidable circumstances was 65, or a little under 9 per cent, as against 159 in the preceding year. This is satisfactory. The corresponding figures of last year were 853 and 150 respectively.

32. *Absconders*.—During the year under report one Laftan *alias* Keshabendra Narayan absconded from police custody on the 8th March last. He was re-captured the day following and sent up to the Sudder Fouzdari Court and convicted. The number of absconders who have been at large since previous years is 7 against 8 of the preceding year. The name of absconder Hudu *alias* Srimanta Das was struck off the register. He escaped from the Cooch Behar Jail on the 25th April 1881 and nothing has been heard of him since then.

33. *Unnatural deaths*.—There were 165 cases of unnatural deaths during the year as compared to 173 in the preceding year. As usual, the large majority of such deaths was due to drowning, which accounted for 93 cases, whilst snake-bite accounted for 33 more.

34. *Realization of Judicial fines*.—Fines amounting to Rs. 5,162-5-0 were imposed during the year and Rs. 523-15-9 was the balance at the beginning of the year under report, making, in all, Rs. 5,686-4-9 to be realized. Rs. 5,162-0-3 was realized and Rs. 100 was remitted on appeal, thus leaving a balance of Rs. 424-4-6 at the end of the year. The realization was on the whole satisfactory.

35. *Punishments and Rewards*.—One Constable was punished under Section 384 and one under 510 of the Indian Penal Code; 2 were punished under Section 25 of the Cooch Behar Police Act; and one Constable was dismissed for grave misconduct. Apart from these isolated cases, however, the conduct of the Police on the whole has been good. The total amount of rewards given to police officers in connection with particular cases during the year was Rs. 255, as compared with Rs. 185 in the previous year.

36. *Escort of Treasure and Prisoners*.—Government treasure to the amount of Rs. 4,42,094 and State treasure to the extent of Rs. 11,60,243 against Government treasure of Rs. 2,50,000 and State treasure of Rs. 12,35,645 of the year before were escorted by the State Police during the year under report. The number of prisoners escorted during the year was 801 against 791 of the preceding year.

37. *Drill and Target Practice*.—The force was regularly drilled during the year and a portion of them was put through a course of musketry. The annual reward of Rs. 10 for the best shot in the force was given to Constable Shew Bhajan Tewari.

38. *Retirement.*—Inspector Guru Prasanna Sinha, one Head-constable and four Constables retired during the year under report.

39. *Good conduct stripes and allowance.*—The year closed with 111 men against 88 in the preceding year in possession of good conduct stripes. Of these 26 men were in possession of 3 stripes and good conduct allowance, 34 had two stripes, and 51 had one stripe.

40. *Mortality and Health of the Force.*—There were five deaths in the force against two of the preceding year. The daily average of sick in hospital was 1.93 against 2.76 of the preceding year.

41. *Race, Religion and Caste.*—All particulars regarding these will be found in statement C, appended to this report (*vide* Appendix, page ix.)

42. *Municipal Police.*—The Cooch Behar Town Police consists of one Jemadar and 27 Chowkidars. The Mathabhanga, Haldibari and Dinhata Municipalities have each five Chowkidars. The cost of the Municipal Police will be found in statement D, appended to this report (*vide* Appendix, page x.)

43. *Street Lighting.*—There were 93 street lamps in the Sudder Municipality maintained at a cost of Rs. 1,494-3 and there were 8, 20 and 17 street lamps in the Mathabhanga, Haldibari and Dinhata Municipalities, respectively, maintained at a cost of Rs. 172-7-3, 247-9-0 and 192-15-6 respectively.

44. *Fire.*—Nine fires were reported in the Cooch Behar Town, and there was no serious damage done.

45. *Rural Police.*—The number of Rural Police was 1,569 during the year under report against 1,571 of the preceding year. The decrease was due to the fact that the posts of two Chowkidars were abolished during the year owing to the decrease of population in certain parts. The average pay per head was Rs. 58-10. The number of Chowkidars rewarded as an incentive for good work has increased. Rs. 64 was paid as gratuity to 3 Chowkidars on their retirement. It is satisfactory to notice the steady improvement in the attendance and working of the village Chowkidars during the year under report.

46. *Thana Dák Service.*—There was no change under this head during the year under report.

47. *Inspections.*—All particulars regarding inspection work done during the year under report will be found in statement E, appended to this report (*vide* Appendix, page xi.) The inspection of the Sudder Court by the Inspector fell short by one and by the Superintendent of Police by the same number of the prescribed number of inspections during the year under report, otherwise the inspections were fully carried out by the respective police officers.

48. *Finger prints.*—Finger impressions of 15 under-trial prisoners and suspected characters were obtained and sent to the Central Bureaus in Calcutta and Allahabad. In two cases identity was established and the others remained unidentified. In addition to the above, finger prints of 12 ex-convicts were sent during the year under review for permanent record in the Central Bureaus.

49. *Special training of Sub-Inspectors.*—During the year under review no Head Constables were sent for training to the Bhagalpur Training School, though in the ensuing year, it is hoped, another lot of men will be trained.

50. *Emigration and Immigration.*—During the year under report 1,086 persons emigrated from and 886 immigrated into the State. After the receipt of every detail relating to the emigrants or immigrants from the village Chowkidars, a statement thereof is sent to the Revenue Department for verification, and is registered when received back duly verified. The statements which were pending verification at the close of the year are not included in the above figures.

51. *Gang-books of Wandering Gangs.* Gang-books of six gangs were prepared here in duplicate during the year under report. One copy of each gang was sent to the Inspector-General of Police's office for record and another copy was sent to the District Superintendent of Police of the district where the gang next went. Of the other gangs recorded, gang-books were received from the neighbouring districts and returned after verification.

52. *Conduct of Police.*—On the whole the work done by the Police during the year has been satisfactory, though there is still room for improvement.

III.—JAIL AND LOCK-UPS.

53. *Charge of the Jail.*—Charge of the Jail rested with Babu Hari Das Mukherji, throughout the year under report.

54. *Statements.*—The followings statements are appended to the report (*vide Appendix, pages xii-xvii.*)

1. Annual statement of prisoners of all classes in the Cooch Behar Jail and Lock-ups during the year 1902-03.
2. Ditto showing out-turn of Jail manufactures.
3. Ditto showing value of labour of prisoners.
4. Ditto cost of Jail and prisoners.
5. Ditto showing Jail offences and punishments.
6. Ditto showing general receipts and disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups.

55. *Jail buildings.*—All the kutchha buildings were kept in good order and repair during the year.

56. *Jail population.*—The admissions to the Jail during the year under report numbered 302 as against 288 in the preceding year. Of this number 3 were lunatics, 17 civil prisoners, 75 under-trial and 207 convicted prisoners. Of the total jail population for the year, 2 died, 280 were released and 4 were transferred to other jails. The jail population on the 31st March 1903 was 91. There was no escape from the Jail during the year and of the two prisoners who escaped in the previous year, one was re-captured.

Of the 280 released, 167 were on expiration of sentences; 7 under the mark system; and 6 under orders of Your Highness on the occasion of the local celebration to commemorate the Coronation of Their Imperial Majesties the King and Queen.

Of the 4 transferred, 2 were transferred to the British Districts and 2 to the Sub-divisions in the State for trial. The average jail population during the year has been 82·92 against 80·76 in the previous year.

57. *Health of prisoners.*—The health of prisoners during the year under report was satisfactory. There was no cholera or other epidemic diseases in the Jail. With an average population of 82·92 the total admissions to the hospital were 90, giving 2·01 as the daily average number of sick against 1·43 in the previous year. The percentage of deaths were 2·22 against 4·10 in the preceding year.

58. *Employment of prisoners.*—The prisoners during the year were employed on the usual jail industries. As has always been the case in this Jail, a large proportion of the jail labour is employed outside the Jail. This is much more the case than is desirable. More than half the deterrent effect of a jail is lost under such conditions, and though, of course, earnings are realized from jail labour outside the walls, the most legitimate earnings from manufactures inside the walls must necessarily suffer, and the average number of the jail population employed daily on purely jail manufactures was only 12·73. The gross earnings of the prisoners for the year under report were Rs. 3,166-13, as compared to Rs. 3,092-12 in the preceding year; and the net earnings were Rs. 1,675-0-6 against Rs. 1,640-4 in the previous year. The gross cost of the Jail was Rs. 9,696-6-9, making the net cost of it Rs. 6,529-9-9 and the average net cost of each prisoner Rs. 78-11-11 per annum, as compared to Rs. 79-8-11 in 1901-02 and Rs. 84-2-10 in 1900-01.

59. *Life prisoners, previous convictions and undertrial prisoners.*—The expenditure during the year under report for maintenance of life prisoners at Port Blair was Rs. 1,600 against Rs. 1,576-1-3 in the preceding year. Two life convicts were released on the occasion of the coronation celebration. During the year 11 prisoners who had been previously convicted were re-admitted to the jail against 14 in the previous year. The average period for which undertrial prisoners were detained during the year under report was 15·98 against 21·35 days in the previous year. As pointed out in last year's report, the figure had

been unfavourably affected by an unavoidably long detention of the accused in one particular sessions case. The dates of all remands are very carefully entered in the history tickets of all undertrial prisoners. Of the 75 prisoners under trial during the year, 26 or 34·66 were convicted and 49 or 65·34 were released. It would be more satisfactory if these numbers and percentages were reversed, and with the figures, as they are, the question of undue detention in jail cannot be too carefully watched.

60. *Classification of prisoners and sentences.*—The percentage of Hindu and Mahomedan prisoners were 66·18 and 33·81, respectively, whilst the natives of the State formed 71·98 of the jail population and 28·01 percent were foreigners. The percentage of juvenile and females was 2·41 and 1·44, respectively. Of the total number of prisoners 93·70 were undergoing sentences of 12 months and under ; 1 prisoner was in jail for life ; 1 for 10 years and 11 were in for periods varying from 1 to 5 years.

61. *Conduct of prisoners.*—The conduct of the prisoners has, on the whole, been satisfactory. Out of a daily average population in 1902-1903 of 82·93 there were 10 cases of minor punishment and 9 cases of major punishment in the year against 4 and 11, respectively, in the previous year. During the year 2 prisoners received corporal punishment. There were 7 releases in the year under report under the mark system against 12 in the preceding year.

62. *Female prisoners.*—During the year under report 5 female prisoners were admitted into the Jail against 3 in the previous year. The period of their sentences varied from 1 day to 3 months. As frequently there is no female prisoner in the Jail, no female warder is permanently entertained. If, however, there is but one female prisoner, the services of a female warder are temporarily engaged.

63. *Juvenile offenders.*—Five juvenile offenders were admitted against 3 in the preceding year. All juvenile offenders are kept in a separate ward.

64. *Convict warders.*—The convict warders worked satisfactorily throughout the year.

65. *Dieting, water supply and medical inspection.*—The prices of staple commodities used in the Jail were somewhat lower than the preceding year and the expenditure on food of prisoners has consequently been less.

The food of the prisoners and the Jail water are most carefully examined frequently by myself and daily by the Civil Surgeon and the Superintendent of the Jail. The health of the Jail bears testimony to the satisfactory way in which the dieting and sanitation of the Jail is looked after by the Civil Surgeon and the Jail authorities.

The history tickets of all prisoners are carefully maintained, and amongst all other necessary entries the result of the fortnightly weighments are invariably entered, and the abstract of such entries furnished in accordance with paragraph 965 of the Bengal Jail Code, which is carefully followed in all matters connected with jail administration.

Besides the daily inspection of the Superintendent and the Civil Surgeon, the jail has frequently been inspected by me at uncertain intervals and has also been visited from time to time by the Dewan and the Civil and Sessions Judge and other officers entitled to visit it.

Babu Hari Das Mukherji has, as usual, devoted much attention to the welfare of the Jail, and he reports that all officers subordinate to him have worked to his satisfaction.

The Civil Surgeon has displayed his usual interest in the health and welfare of the prisoners generally, and takes great trouble to improve the jail industries.

66. *Jail Garden.*—The fruit and vegetable garden was looked after carefully.

During the year under report there was no Native Doctor in the Jail Hospital from the 18th August to the 22nd November 1902 and again from the 16th February to the 31st March 1903. The Compounder did the Native

Doctor's work in addition to his own. One warder was convicted for negligently allowing two prisoners to escape. One warder was retired from service on pension, and two warders were appointed to posts under the Military and Police Departments respectively.

67. *Lock-ups.*—All detailed information regarding the Sub-divisional Lock-ups will be found in statements G and L, appended to this report (*Vide* Appendix, pages xii and xvii respectively.)

As usual, four Sub-divisional Lock-ups were maintained throughout the year. The condition of all of them has now been vastly improved. Instead of being tumble down structures made of bamboos and mat work, they are now, very nearly all, good solid masonry Lock-ups. The details of work done in this direction will be found under the accompanying report on Public Works in the State.

During the year 401 prisoners were admitted to the four Lock-ups; this number added to the 9 prisoners that remained at the close of 1901-02 makes up 410. Of these, 1 died, 115 were transferred to the Sudder Jail, 286 released and 8 remaining in the Lock-ups at the close of the year. There was no escape from the Lock-ups in the year under review, and on the whole the working of the Lock-ups has been satisfactory, though the gross cost of each prisoner for the year shows a very striking difference in the various Sub-divisions, and further enquiry is being made into this.

During the year under report the Lock-ups were frequently and regularly inspected by myself, the Dewan, the Civil and Sessions Judge, the Fouzdari Ahilkar and the officers immediately in charge of the various Lock-ups.

68. *Summary.*—A statement shewing income and expenditure on account of manufacture of molasses and crushed food, which is a new experiment, is given below :—

Molasses.—

	Rs.	A.	P.
Receipts from the sale of date juice and molasses during the year.	209	4	9
Expenditure during the year	47	2	6
Profit	162	2	3
<i>Crushed food.</i> —			
Receipt from sale of crushed food and gunny bags	1,856	6	0
Expenditure during the year	1,640	12	6
Profit	215	9	6

During the year the cultivation of oats was tried in the jail garden as an experiment but was not found profitable on so small a scale.

IV.—PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

I.—PUBLIC WORKS, ORDINARY.

69. The sanctioned grant for the Public Works Department for the year 1902-03 was Rs. 1,30,249. In the revised budget this became Rs. 1,19,900, whilst the actual expenditure against this allotment amounted to Rs. 1,18,032.

The total expenditure for the year under all heads of the Public Works Department budget will be found in statement *M* attached to this report (*vide* Appendix, pages xviii-xxi).

The total receipts for the year were Rs. 7,487 as against Rs. 7,650 in the preceding year. The tendency to decrease in the receipts is due to the decreased sale of forest produce, and to fewer receipts from State carts owing to sickness and death amongst the departmental bullocks, and to other causes.

70. *Original Works, Civil Buildings.*—The total expenditure on Original Works in 1902-03 was Rs. 47,812 as against Rs. 60,194 in the preceding year and Rs. 51,113 of the budget grant for the year under report.

The main items of expenditure under Original Works were:—

- (a.) *Alterations and additions to the Fulbari Kutchery at a cost of Rs. 1439.*—The accommodation having been found insufficient, 2 new rooms 21' 6" × 11' were added to the building and the original arrangement of the rooms was somewhat modified.
- (b.) *Completion of Civil Surgeon's Bungalow.*—The expenditure under this head of Rs. 5,132 (against a provision of Rs. 5,139) was the final adjustment of the charge for this building, the total cost of which has been Rs. 17,503 against an estimate of Rs. 17,139. The increase in actual over estimated expenditure was due to some slight alterations and additions, which were found necessary in the original plan and estimate.
- (c.) *New Dispensary at Fulbari.*—At this Sub-divisional Head-quarters a new and good dispensary has been built on the lines of those recently erected at Mathabhanga, Dinhata and Mekligunj. The total cost of the building has been Rs. 4,507. The actual work included certain details not mentioned in the estimate, which had subsequently to be arranged for on the recommendation of the Civil Surgeon.
- (d.) *Electric lighting in the Palace.*—The expenditure under this head for the year was Rs. 1,426. It was incurred mainly in re-wiring certain portions of the Palace, where injury had been caused by saltpetre.
- (e.) *Naib Ahlikar's Quarters at Mathabhanga.*—The original estimate for this work was Rs. 4,046. The expenditure during the year amounted to Rs. 2,336 against a provision of Rs. 2,446. With this expenditure in the year under report the work has been completed at a total cost of Rs. 4,077.
- (f.) *Naib Ahlikar's Quarters at Dinhata.*—This work has been commenced during the year. The amount adjusted during the year was Rs. 2,905 against a provision of Rs. 2,300. Notwithstanding this excess it is now anticipated that the total actual outlay will exceed the total estimate of Rs. 4,546.
- (g.) *Permanent Lock-ups and Guard Houses at Dinhata and Fulbari.*—The Dinhata Lock-up has been completed and the Fulbari Lock-up commenced during the year under report. The former work was completed at an outlay of Rs. 3,697, of which Rs. 2,207 was spent in 1902-03 and Rs. 1,490 in the preceding year. The expenditure on the Fulbari Lock-up during the year was Rs. 1,795. This work will be completed in 1903-04.
- (h.) *Boarding House of Victoria College and Jenkins School.*—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 1,377, covering the cost of collecting materials. The provision for the year was Rs. 1,500.
- (i.) *Victoria College and Jenkins School.*—The total outlay under this head has been Rs. 12,394, of which Rs. 11,178 was expended in collecting materials and burning bricks. Rs. 1,217 was spent in raising the ground and sinking a well in the new Military lines, the removal of which formed part of the scheme and estimate for the new college and school building.

Apart from the above, various other smaller works have been carried out, bringing the total expenditure under Original Works—Civil Buildings to Rs. 48,799.

71. *Original Works, Miscellaneous Public Improvements.*—Rs. 1,887 was incurred on this item in the year under report against the revised estimate of the same amount.

72. *Original Works, Forest in General.*—There was an expenditure of Rs. 2,126-8 on this item against Rs. 2,552-9-6 in the preceding year and against a budget grant of Rs. 3,000 for the year under report.

73. *Repairs.*—The sub-joined statement will show the expenditure on ordinary and earthquake repairs for the last three years :—

Classification of public buildings.	Expenditure in 1900-01.			Expenditure in 1901-02.			Expenditure in 1902-03.		
	Annual and petty repairs.	Special Earthquake repairs.	Total.	Annual and petty repairs.	Special Earthquake repairs.	Total.	Annual repairs.	Petty repairs.	Total.
I. Palace and connected buildings including Woodlands.	16,802	9,860	25,662	16,987	2,350	19,337	15,098	159	15,257
II. Private residences ...	4,524	.....	4,524	8,000	...	3,000	4,886	898	5,284
III. Miscellaneous ...	1,517	.....	1,517	1,172	...	1,172	2,471	388	2,854
VI. Religious Ecclesiastical	2,048	1,000	3,048	1,627	449	2,076	1,729	116	1,845
V. Court houses ...	2,921	.....	2,921	981	...	981	1,558	951	2,509
VI. Educational ...	498	.....	498	1,286	...	1,286	951	559	1,510
VII. Dāk-bungalows & Rest-houses	2,478	.....	2,478	1,371	...	1,371	.....	387	887
VIII. Police and Military...	472	.....	472	420	...	420	426	176	602
IX. Public Works ...	878	.....	878	751	...	751	353	97	450
X. Medical ...	158	.....	158	2,321	...	2,321	.....	329	329
XI. Govt. Offices, Post and Telegraph houses.	539	.....	539	583	...	583	300	.....	300
XII. Jail and Lock-ups ...	1,360	.....	1,360	874	...	874	308	.....	308
Total ...	83,690	10,860	44,050	30,823	2,799	33,622	27,580	4,055	31,635

The total expenditure on repairs in 1902-03 was Rs. 31,635 as compared to Rs. 33,622 in the previous year, against the revised budget grant of Rs. 32,335. Of the total expenditure on Repairs Rs. 15,257 was devoted to the Palace. The Palace no doubt is a large building and the repairs are necessarily heavy. At the same time 50 per cent of the total expenditure devoted to the Palace must mean that other works are left unrepaired, or that else the provision for repairs should be increased. The expenditure on earthquake repairs has now entirely disappeared from the budget, and practically the only work on which repairs are necessary, as the result of the earthquake, is the house of the Superintendent the State, and it is probable the State will now find it necessary to carry out the repairs of this building which hitherto has not been required.

I. *Palace and connected buildings* :—Heavy repairs were done to the buildings to make it fit for occupation by Their Highnesses on their return from England after the Coronation of Their Imperial Majesties in England.

The heavy rainfall of the previous year produced an unusual amount of saltpetre in almost all the painted rooms in the Palace and the marbles in the floor got spotted; these disfigurements necessitated an expenditure in excess of the estimate.

The bamboo *chekuar* around the Palace compound was replaced by barbed wire fencing. 170 rft. of pucca drains were rebuilt and two wooden bridges were replaced by brick culverts. The bed of the new well had to be cleared of the upheaval of the quicksand thrice, which gave good deal of trouble. Further sinking will endanger the safety of the cook room.

II. *Private Residences.*—The total cost of repairs to these buildings during the year under report was Rs. 5,284 against Rs. 3,000 in the preceding year. The Personal Assistant's quarters had to be thoroughly overhauled and the outer houses had to be reconstructed with lath-paster wall, boarded floor, wooden doors and windows at a cost of Rs. 1,561. Heavy repairs were done and addition and alterations made in the Assistant Surgeon's, Principal's and Accountant-General's quarters. Other repairs under this head call for no remarks.

III. *Miscellaneous*—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 2,854 against Rs. 1,172 in the preceding year. It includes the cost

of thorough repairs to the guest house to the east of the Bairagidighi.

IV. *Religious and Ecclesiastical*.—The expenditure on this class of work of repairs during the year was Rs. 1,845 against Rs. 2,076 in the preceding year. Three corrugated iron roofed sheds were built at Chota Mahadeb Thakurbari to replace the thatched out-houses.

V. *Court Houses*.—The total expenditure on repairs to the court houses was Rs. 2,509 against Rs. 931 in the preceding year. Besides the ordinary repairs, half-terracing was done to the office room of the Inspector of Schools, and wooden doors and windows were provided to replace the mat-jhaps in the Fulbari Cutchery, and two sun-sheds were provided in the Dinhata Cutchery.

VI. *Educational*.—The expenditure on this class of repairs during the year was Rs. 1,510 against Rs. 1,286 in the preceding year. The repair to the Mathabhanga school house was taken over by the Public Works Department.

VII. *Dak Bungalows and Rest Houses*.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 387 against Rs. 1,371 in the preceding year. No work of importance was executed under this head during the year.

VIII. *Police and Military*.—These call for no remark.

IX. *Public Works*.—No work of any importance was done to these buildings under this head during the year under report.

X. *Medical*.—The expenditure on this class of repairs was Rs. 329 against Rs. 2,321 in the preceding year.

XI. *Government Offices—Post and Telegraph office*.—Of the sum of Rs. 465 provided for repairs to Post office buildings in the State during the year, Rs. 300 only was paid and the rest lapsed to the State.

XII. *Jail and Lock-ups*.—Ordinary repairs were done to these buildings at a cost of Rs. 308 against Rs. 374 in the preceding year.

74. *Tools and Plant*.—The provision under this head for the year was Rs. 1,574 for the purchase of, and Rs. 800 for repairs to, tools and plant against Rs. 1,150 and Rs. 1,000, respectively, in the preceding year. The excess in the provision for the purchase of tools and plant was due to the adjustment of the price of Walderston tarpauline purchased for the Delhi Durbar Camp.

75. *Artizan School*.—The total number of bills issued during the year was 171 against 200 in the preceding year, and the amount of the bills was Rs. 12,882-11 against Rs. 13,240-11 of the preceding year, of which 4·57 per cent represents private works.

The amount of the outstanding bills at the end of the year was Rs. 954-1-6 on account of non-payment of certain bills appertaining to the Shooting Camp.

76. *State carts*.—There were 6,353 State carts worked during the year, i.e., at an average of 17·4 carts per day. The gross earnings during the year were Rs. 4,239 against Rs. 5,866 of the last year. The expenditure for maintenance was Rs. 5,301 against Rs. 5,512 in the preceding year. The carts would, therefore, appear to have been worked at a loss of Rs. 1,062. This was due to the non-employment of carts owing to the prevalence of epidemic disease among the Public Works Department cart-bullocks.

Of the Rs. 1,500 drawn from the Treasury as advance for purchase of bullocks, Rs. 1,000 was re-paid during the year and eight pairs of bullocks were purchased.

77. *Municipal and Contribution works*.—Statement R, appended to this report (*vide* Appendix, page xxix) gives all particulars regarding these works. The total expenditure during the year on contribution works amounted to Rs. 42,423 and the total cost of all such works was Rs. 51,239.

The unexpended balance of contribution on the 31st March 1903 was Rs. 11,455. Of the total expenditure incurred during the year, Rs. 11,845 was on account of works done for the various Town Committees, Rs. 14,286 was on account of the Delhi Durbar, the cost of which was met from a separate

allotment, and Rs. 11,164 on account of Shooting Camp, on account of which no provision is made in the Public Works Department budget. Apart, however, from such expenditure as that on the Delhi Durbar and the Shooting Camp, much useful and good work has been done under what may be deemed as more legitimate forms of contribution work. One of the most useful of this class of works is that being done in raising the various blocks in the town which get water-logged in the rains. The work in connection with the improvement of the Mogulhatipara block was almost complete; the total expenditure incurred up to the end of the year on this work was Rs. 7,030 against an estimate of Rs. 7,661. This work should be strenuously continued until all the low-lying and unhealthy portions of the town have been raised some 3ft. and provided with more efficient means of drainage. The drainage scheme 4A and branch AC at Dinbata is still in progress. The new dispensary and hospital at Debigunj has been carried out as a contribution work at an expenditure of Rs. 2,737-7-6, and this is a very useful and necessary addition to the Head-quarters of the Chaklajet Estates.

With the Rs. 20,000 allocated from the Chaukidari Fund for works of public utility, the following works were undertaken during the year:—

- (1.) Re-excavation of Chila Roy's Tank.
- (2.) Wells at 7th mile of the Emigration Road, Poondibari, Chota-mohadeb and Dhalpal.

78. *Tent and Camp furniture.*—Three large and three small Pals were purchased at a cost of Rs. 690 for the Delhi Camp. After the camp was over, one Field Officer's tent, one Captain's tent and 4 Swiss Cottage tents were purchased at the comparatively cheap price of Rs. 2,505.

79. *Establishment.*—The Public Works establishment entertained during the year was as follows:—

		Rs.
Engineer	...	4,800
Upper Subordinates	...	3,470
Lower do	...	1,492
Petty Establishment	...	2,321
Office	...	5,101
Cooch Behar Agency	...	443
Travelling and Inspection	...	5,510
Forest	...	240
Total	...	23,377

There was an excess of Rs. 1,886 under Travelling Allowance which was due to the travelling allowance of the Public Works Department officers deputed to work in connection with the Delhi Camp being charged against the normal grant for Travelling Allowance.

The actual works done during the year directly under the Department were as follows:—

	Rs.
Public Works	94,655
Communication Improvement Fund	54,013
Contribution works including Shooting Camp and Delhi Durbar	42,423
Total	1,91,091

The percentage of establishment on expenditure was, therefore, 12.28, and the cost of establishment of all kinds to cost of total works executed by the Department gives a percentage of 13.74.

The Superintendent of Works remarks that for want of encouragement in the shape of an increase to the pay of some deserving officers of the clerical establishment and subordinate staff, they lack energy, and reports himself satisfied with the work done by them during the year.

II.—COMMUNICATION IMPROVEMENT FUND.

80. This is the 10th year this fund has been in existence. The total original sanctioned estimate of expenditure for the year was Rs. 53,962, and this in the revised budget was raised to Rs. 55,976. The actual expenditure against this was Rs. 54,013, showing a saving of Rs. 1,963. The actual saving was,

however, Rs. 1,263, which was due to the fact that the Accountant-General had not received sufficient notice of the increase of Rs. 700 on account of flood damages, for which he did not issue credit order. Hence the revised figures in the budget for the year eventually stood at Rs. 55,276 instead of Rs. 55,976.

The grant for the year, as usual, consisted of Rs. 50,000 allotted from the State Revenue and Rs. 1,700 Road Cess on rent for lands, and Rs. 4,276 was met from the unexpended balance of the Communication Improvement Fund on the 1st April 1902, which then stood at Rs. 5,243-11-1.

The following statement will give the expenditure for 1901-02 and 1902-03, revised estimate for 1902-1903 and estimate for 1903-04 :—

Items.		Expenditure for 1901-02.	Revised Estimate for 1902-03.	Expendi- ture for 1902-03.	Estimate for 1903-1904.
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Original Works	...	22,829	28,564	27,845	22,836
Repairs	...	27,965	26,787	25,985	31,387
Miscellaneous Public Improvement	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Contingencies	...	680	625	183	514
Payments into Treasury	...	1,094	.....	1,263	.....
Total	...	52,568	55,976	55,276	54,737

All details of expenditure in 1902-03 will be found in Statement N, appended to this report (*vide* Appendix, pages xxii-xxiii). Statements O and P, also appended to this report (*vide* Appendix, pages xxiv-xxvi) will give all particulars as to the length and nature of the communications on which the expenditure has been incurred.

81. The total expenditure on original works during the year was Rs. 27,845 against an appropriation of Rs. 28,564. The details of the original works done during the year are given in the statement below :—

Names of works.	Estimate.	Expenditure during the year.	Total cost.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(a.) Bagduar Bridge on Dinhata-Mekligunj Road	4,199	1,753	1,753
(b.) Iron bridge over Hashkhawa & Kalapani on Emigration Road.	11,498	9,577	10,505
(c.) Permanent bridge over Ghorghoria	14,891	9,941	14,575
(d.) Pucca bridge on Haldibari portion of the Emigration Road	11,801	2,484	2,484
(e.) Ditto on Lowkuti Road	7,206	2,000	2,000
(f.) Widening Emigration Road at Haldibari	4,813	1,000	4,091
(g.) Metalling portion of Emigration Road at Haldibari	1,214	890	890
(h.) Permanent bridge on Dewangunj Road	6,659	200	6,648

Of the original works shewn in the above statement, the following are the most important :—

(a.) *Bagduar Bridge on Dinhata-Mekligunj Road.*—The estimate for this much needed bridge was Rs. 4,199, of which Rs. 1,753 was expended during the year under report. Since the close of the year the work has been completed. The bridge is one of 3 spans of 25' 6" each with iron girders on stone piers with a roadway constructed of Baillies patent troughs.

(b.) *Bridges over the Hashkhawa and Kalapani Streams.*—The original estimate for these 2 bridges was Rs. 11,498 against which the total cost up to date has been Rs. 10,505, of which Rs. 9,577 was spent in the year under report. The construction of these 2 bridges will greatly improve the road between Cooch Behar town and the Khuttimari Ghat on the Mathabhanga Road. Both these bridges are of 4 spans of 25' 6" each on masonry piers and abutments.

(c.) *Permanent Bridge over the Ghorghoria.*—For this bridge the revised estimate was Rs. 14,891 and the work has been completed at a cost of Rs. 14,575, of which Rs. 9,941 was spent in 1902-03. The bridge is one of 7 spans of 25' 6" each on masonry piers with iron girders and a roadway made of Baillies patent troughs. This bridge is a very useful addition to the communication between Cooch Behar town and the eastern portion of the State. It is hoped that shortly a similar bridge will be constructed over the Gadadhur, some 4½ miles beyond the Ghorghoria.

(d.) *Permanent Bridges on the Haldibari portion of the Emigration Road.*—To replace the old timber bridges on this portion of the Emigration Road, which is always liable to heavy breaches for the overflow of the Teesta, it is proposed to build 4 arched culverts and 3 girder bridges at a cost of Rs. 11,601, of which 3 arched culverts and 2 girder bridges have been completed since the close of the year. The amount adjusted during the year under report was only Rs. 2,484.

(e.) *Permanent Bridges on the Lowkuti Road.*—For this road a project similar to that in paragraph (d) above was sanctioned. The work to be done on this road comprised 2 big arched bridges of 10 spans of 12 feet, one single span girder bridge and 5 arched culverts, of which at present only one arched bridge of 4 spans was completed and made passable during the year at a cost of Rs. 2,000. Other smaller original works of an aggregate cost of, approximately, Rs. 2,000 were also carried out, and of this sum Rs. 1,000 was merely an adjustment on account of work completed in the Haldibari Hat the year before.

82. *Repairs.*—These were all of a normal character consisting of repairs to and up keep of $5\frac{1}{2}$ miles of metalled road, $422\frac{1}{2}$ miles of 2nd class bridged and embanked roads, giving a cost per mile of Rs. 53·84 for repairs.

83. *Village paths.*—Apart from this 119½ miles of village paths were also repaired and maintained from the expenditure on repairs under this fund. The cost per mile of repairs to village paths was Rs. 20·94. The two roads on which the heaviest repairs were done, were the Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar, and the Lowkuti Road. The total expenditure under Repairs was Rs. 25,985 against a provision of Rs. 26,787 in the revised budget.

84. *Miscellaneous Public Improvement.*—There was no work done under this head during the year.

85. *Inspection Bungalows.*—The number of Inspection Bungalows remained the same as reported last year.

III.—CHAKLAJAT PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

86. The following statement gives all particulars regarding the Public Works expenditure in the Chaklajat:—

Items.	Expenditure 1901-1902.	Expenditure 1902-1903.	Budget Estimates.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Original Works ...	3,390	8,058	7,550
Repairs ...	3,929	3,056	4,147
Establishment and Contingency	927	843	868
Total ...	8,246	11,957	12,555

All details of expenditure will be found in Statement Q, appended to this report (*Vide Appendix, pages xxvii-xxviii*).

87. *Original Works.*—The following original works were partly or wholly done during the year under report:—

Items.	Estimate.	Appropriation for 1902-1903.	Expenditure for 1902-1903.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
(a.) Dispensary building at Debigunj ...	2,962	762	762
(b.) Elephant shed at Debigunj ...	1,027	277	274
(c.) Pucca Kutchery at Panga ...	4,375	2,875	2,944
(d.) Ditto at Patgram ...	4,375	3,433	3,872
(e.) Strong room for Treasury...*	208	203	206
Total ...	12,942	7,550	8,058

Items (a) (b) (d) & (e) have been completed during the year and (c) in progress.

88. *Repairs.*—Ordinary repairs were done to buildings which call for no remarks.

89. *Inspection.*—Inspections continue to be carried out under the arrangements of which particulars were given in paragraph 23 of last year's report, and it is satisfactory to note that the result of such inspections is generally favourable to the working of the Department in the State.

The slight difference between the figures representing expenditure for 1902-03, as inserted above and those shown in the first report, is due to the fact that the figures put down here in this report have been obtained after the checking of the Chaklajat account for 1902-03 by the Accountant-General, whilst those inserted in the first report represented the total amount of the bills received on account of those works.

V.—EDUCATION.

I.—PRIMARY AND SECONDARY EDUCATION.

90. *Charge.*—Babu Bhagabaty Charan Banerji, Deputy Inspector, was in charge of the office of Inspector of Schools up to the 7th July 1902 during the absence at Kurseong of Babu Bhuban Mohan Dutt, Inspector of Schools, who returned from that place and took over charge of his duties on the 8th July 1902, after having gone through a course of training in the Victoria Training College for teachers.

91. *Brief summary of the year's work.*—The following table will shew the number of schools of all classes in the State; the number on the roll; and all expenditure whether from State or private sources:—

CLASS.	1901-1902.				1902-1903.				EXPENDITURE 1902-1903.				GRAND TOTAL.	
	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1902.	Average daily attendance.	Monthly average.	No. of Institutions.	No. of pupils on 31st March 1903.	Average daily attendance.	Monthly average.	FROM LOCAL SOURCES.					
									From the State.	From fees and fines.	From other local sources.			
I.—State Institutions—									Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
Middle Class Vernacular Training Class	12	822	554	749	12	880	600	784	3,546 12 3	1,548 15 6	.....	.....	5,095 11 9	565 9 3
TOTAL	12	822	554	749	12	880	600	784	4,112 5 6	1,548 15 6	.....	.....	5,661 5 0	565 9 3
II.—Grant-in-aid Schools—														
Higher Class English	3	415	320	439	3	505	315	448	4,784 6 7	3,398 1 3	2,317 4 8	5,715 5 11	10,499 12 6	5,715 5 11
Middle Class English	10	426	286	378	12	556	412	517	2,864 2 3	722 0 0	2,413 6 3	3,135 6 3	5,999 8 6	3,135 6 3
Ditto Vernacular.	16	867	589	767	14	730	457	654	2,152 8 10	304 14 9	1,414 9 4	1,719 8 1	3,872 0 11	1,719 8 1
TOTAL	29	1,738	1,195	1,584	29	1,791	1,184	1,649	9,801 1 8	4,425 0 0	6,145 4 3	10,570 4 3	20,371 5 11	6,145 4 3
III.—Primary Schools—														
Upper Primary	23	1,030	617	902	25	1,307	743	1,070	1,716 0 0	304 2 6	1,067 15 0	1,373 1 6	3,088 1 6	1,373 1 6
Lower Primary	157	5,392	3,567	4,890	145	5,259	3,436	4,765	6,650 1 0	1,469 6 0	4,510 14 0	5,980 4 0	11,630 5 0	4,510 14 0
Night Schools	13	247	163	232	13	213	162	231	345 0 0	36 0 0	24 0 0	60 0 0	405 0 0	36 0 0
Girls' Schools	6	101	66	103	4	63	41	61	112 0 0	.....	12 0 0	12 0 0	124 0 0	12 0 0
TOTAL	199	6,770	4,418	6,127	187	6,773	4,376	6,127	7,823 1 0	1,809 8 6	5,614 13 0	7,424 5 6	15,247 6 6	5,614 13 0
IV.—Private Schools—														
Middle English	1	68	58	71	...	...	...	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Lower Primary	64	2,092	1,479	1,775	69	2,059	1,474	1,783	609 7 0	2,138 0 0	.....	2,747 7 0	2,747 7 0	2,138 0 0
Night Schools	34	496	360	449	28	404	284	349	117 8 0	48 12 0	.....	166 4 0	166 4 0	48 12 0
Girls' Schools	4	38	26	38	4	37	29	36	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Mutabbs	5	91	80	91	4	96	64	92	78 0 0	332 0 0	.....	410 0 0	410 0 0	332 0 0
TOTAL	108	2,785	2,003	2,424	105	2,696	1,851	2,260	804 15 0	2,518 12 0	.....	3,323 11 0	3,323 11 0	2,518 12 0
GRAND TOTAL	347	12,115	8,170	10,884	333	12,059	8,011	10,820	31,736 8 2	8,588 7 0	14,378 13 3	22,967 4 8	44,603 12 6	14,378 13 3

From the above it will be seen that there are 333 Primary and Secondary Schools of all classes in the State, against 347 in 1901-02, or an average of 1 school to every 3·92 square miles; and the total number of pupils on the roll of these schools on the 31st March 1903 was 12,039 against 12,111 on the 31st March 1902, whilst the average daily attendance in the year under report has been 8,011 as against 8,170 in 1901-02. There was a decrease of 14 schools in the year under report, and the nominal roll and the average daily attendance decreased by 76 and 159 respectively. The number of the Secondary Schools remained unaltered during the year under report, and the daily attendance in these schools and their receipts from fees and fines have improved. The Upper Primary Schools have also improved in every way, but not so the Lower Primary Schools. The decrease in the number of aided Primary Schools is accounted for by the fact that the State grant was withdrawn from 11 of this class of schools, and this was utilized in giving aid to the Maricha and the Khagrabari Middle English Schools and in raising the Natabari the Sildanga and the Modhusudan schools to the Upper Primary standard. The total expenditure on all the above schools has been Rs. 44,603-12-5, of which Rs. 21,736-8-2 has been met by the State; Rs. 8,588-7 has been met from fees and fines; and Rs. 14,278-13-3 from other local sources.

There was no change in the number of Model Schools.

92. *Progress of Education in the State compared with the neighbouring British Districts.*—The following table will show the percentage of boys at school to boys of a school-going age for Cooch Behar and the neighbouring British Districts of the Rajshahi Division :—

Districts.	Total male population.	Male population of school-going age.	Number of boys at school.	Percentage.	REMARKS.
Rajshahi ...	7,41,690	1,11,253	20,973	18·8	
Dinajpur ...	8,23,972	1,23,596	24,522	19·8	
Rungpur ...	11,25,109	1,68,766	31,810	18·8	
Jalpaiguri ...	4,22,877	63,431	10,818	17·0	
Cooch Behar ...	3,11,380	45,207	11,840	26·2	

The figures for Cooch Behar compare favourably with those of the neighbouring districts.

93. *Progress as judged by the results of Examinations.*—In the Entrance Examination of the Calcutta University, out of 18 boys sent up from the three Higher English Sub-Divisional Schools, 7 were successful. The percentage of successful candidates for this examination was about 39 as compared to 52 in 1901-02. This is not satisfactory. The University percentage was 34. In the competitive examinations of the Rajshahi Division, of the 7 candidates sent up for the Middle English Examination, not one was successful; and of the 44 and 126 candidates sent up for the Middle Vernacular and Upper Primary Examinations, respectively, 18 and 76 were successful against 26 and 37, respectively, in the preceding year. * The results at the Middle English and Middle Vernacular Examinations were disappointing and unsatisfactory, though the results of the Upper Primary Examination were better than those of the preceding year.

Out of 494 boys sent up for the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination, 229, or 46·35 per cent were successful. In the preceding year 425 boys were sent up, of whom 229, or 53·78 per cent were successful.

A statement is attached to this report giving the result of all examinations of students from all educational institutions in the State for the past three years (*vide* Appendix, page xxx).

94. *Sub-divisional Schools.*—The number of Sub-divisional Schools remained the same as was shown in the last report.

The total number on the rolls of the 3 schools was 505 against 445, and the average daily attendance was 315 against 320 in the preceding year. There was an increase of 17, 35 and 8 students in the Dinahata, Mathabhangra and Mekligunj Schools respectively. The total cost of the 3 schools for the year was Rs. 10,499-12-6 against Rs. 9,525-7-1 in the preceding year, of which Rs. 4,784-6-7 was met by the State grant-in-aid and the balance from local sources. The excess over the figures for the preceding year was due to certain improvements effected in the school buildings, and in meeting the additional expenditure incurred on account of deputation of some of the teachers of these schools to the training class at the Sudder, for some months of the year.

The Boarding establishments in connection with the Mekligunj School were efficiently maintained. The want of such Boarding Institutions in connection with the schools at Dinahata and Mathabhangra is being much felt.

Discipline in the Sub-divisional Schools was satisfactory. No case of insubordination or misconduct came to my notice from any of these schools during the year under report.

95 *Middle English Schools*.—The number of Middle English Schools was 12 (including 4 English classes) against 11 in the preceding year. The number on the roll of these schools was 556 against 494, and the average daily attendance was 412 against 344 in the preceding year.

The total expenditure on all these schools was Rs. 5,999-8-6 as compared to Rs. 4,534-4-6 in 1901-1902. By re-distribution of grants the Maricha and Khagrabari Schools were raised to the Middle School standard. From 5 of these schools 7 boys were sent up for the Middle English Examination of the Rajshahi Division; none of them passed. From 5 of these schools 3 boys passed in the Middle Vernacular and from 4 of these schools 6 boys passed in the Upper Primary Scholarship Examination of the Rajshahi Division.

96. *State Model Schools*.—The number of Model Schools supported by the State has remained unchanged, whilst the strength of these schools and the daily average attendance have improved, *i. e.*, from 822 and 554 to 880 and 600 respectively.

The total expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 5,095-11-9 in the year under report against Rs. 5,112-10-6 in the preceding year, of which the State contribution was Rs. 3,546-12-3 against Rs. 3,735-18-3 in the preceding year, and Rs. 1,548-15-6 was collected from fees and fines.

In all, 65 boys went up from the State Model Schools for the Middle Vernacular and Upper Primary Examinations of the Rajshahi Division in 1902-1903 against 69 in the preceding year, and the number of those that were successful were 10 and 26, respectively, in 1902-1903 against 11 and 17 in the preceding year. The percentage of success was 55.3 against 40.5 in 1901-1902; the result was fairly satisfactory.

97. *Middle Vernacular Schools*.—The number of Middle Vernacular grant-in-aid schools was 14 against 16 in the preceding year. One of this class of schools was raised to the status of a Middle English School, and the State grant was withdrawn from another, as it was not considered worthy of support.

The expenditure on the Grant-in-aid Vernacular Schools was Rs. 3,872-0-11 of which the State paid Rs. 2,152-8, and the balance of Rs. 1,719-8-1, was met by contributions from private sources. From 10 of these schools 41 candidates went up to the last Upper Primary and Middle Vernacular Scholarship Examinations of the Rajshahi Division. Of these, 16 or 39 per cent. against 25 per cent. in the preceding year, were successful. The results were comparatively better.

98. *Special Schools*.—There were 3 schools of this class in the State last year.

99. *Primary Education.*—The following statement will give all necessary informations regarding Primary Schools in the State, both aided and unaided:—

Class of schools.	No. of schools.	No. of students.		Expenditure.						
		Roll on 31st March 1903.	Average daily attendance.	State grant.		Local sources.		Total.		
<i>Aided.</i>										
Upper Primary Schools	...	95	1,207	748	Rs.	A.	P.	Rs.	A.	P.
Lower Primary Schools	...	145	5,259	3,480	1,716	0	0	1,372	1	6
Wight Schools	...	13	248	162	5,650	1	0	5,980	4	0
Girls' Schools	...	4	63	41	345	0	0	60	0	0
					112	0	0	12	0	0
Total	...	187	6,772	4,376	7,823	1	0	7,424	5	6
Corresponding total for 1901-1902...	...	198	6,770	4,418	8,188	8	0	7,591	7	0
<i>Un-aided.</i>										
Upper Primary Schools
Lower Primary Schools	...	69	2,059	1,474	.....	.....	.....	2,747	7	0
Wight Schools	...	28	404	284	.....	.....	.....	166	4	0
Girls' Schools	...	4	87	29	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	...	101	2,500	1,787	.....	.....	.....	2,918	11	0
Corresponding total for 1901-1902...	...	102	2,626	1,865	.....	.....	.....	2,604	12	0
GRAND TOTAL	...	288	9,272	6,163	7,823	1	0	10,338	0	6
Corresponding grand total for 1901-1902	...	300	9,396	6,283	8,188	8	0	10,196	3	0

And the following table shews the percentage of boys in the State receiving Primary Education as compared to that of the neighbouring districts of the Rajshahi Division:—

District.	No. of boys of school-going age.	No. of boys at school.	Percentage.	REMARKS.
Rajshahi	1,11,258	19,463	17.4	
Dinajpur	1,23,596	23,787	19.2	
Rungpur	1,68,766	30,238	17.9	
Jalpaiguri	63,481	10,464	16.4	
Cooch Behar	45,207	9,272	20.5	

From the above statement it will be seen that the number and percentage of boys attending these schools are about the same as was shewn last year, and they compare favourably with those of the neighbouring districts.

The number of unaided schools decreased from 102 to 101 and that of the aided schools from 198 to 187 in the year under report.

To the last Upper Primary Scholarship Examination of the Rajshahi Division, 182 boys were sent up against 186 in the preceding year. Of these, 89 went up from the Secondary Schools, 28 from the Upper Primary Schools and 15 from the Lower Primary Schools, of whom 126 actually appeared at the examination, and out of this, 76 boys, or 60 per cent, were successful. The percentage of success in 1901-1902 was 26.2. This year's result was, therefore, very satisfactory. On the 31st March last there were 214 Lower Primary Schools for boys in the State, of which 145 were aided and 69 unaided. In the preceding year there were 157 aided and 64 unaided schools. The number of aided schools decreased by 12, whilst the unaided schools increased by 5; thus there was a total loss of 7 schools of this class. As has been explained, the grant of 12 Lower Primary Schools and 2 Girls' Schools was withdrawn during the year to raise the status of other schools.

The average strength and attendance of each Lower Primary School in the State in 1902-03 were 34.1 and 22.9 against 33.8 and 22.8, respectively, in the

preceding year, whilst the corresponding figures for the whole of Bengal in 1901-02 were 25 and 20 respectively. Out of 494 boys sent up for the Lower Primary Scholarship Examination, 329 passed. The figures of the previous year were 425 and 229 respectively. The expenditure on these schools during the year under report was Rs. 14,877-12, of which Rs. 5,650-1 was paid by the State and the balance of Rs. 8,727-11 was met from other sources.

100. *Night Schools.*—On the 31st March, 1903, there were 41 Night Schools in the State against 47 in the preceding year. The number of aided schools of this class remained unaltered, but the number of unaided schools decreased by 6. These have not altogether disappeared, but they have not been taken into account owing to the number of boys in them being considerably small, i. e., less than 10. The strength and average daily attendance of these schools were 647 and 446 against 743 and 528, respectively, in the preceding year. The total expenditure on these schools amounted to Rs. 571-4, of which Rs. 345 was paid by the State and the balance was met from private sources. 51 boys went up from the 40 of these Night Schools; out of these 30 passed. This shows a good result. These schools continue to do a very useful work.

101. *Girls' Schools.*—There were 8 Girls' Schools on the last day of the year under report against 10 in the preceding year. The State grants of the Keshoribari and Sangarbari Girls' Schools were withdrawn owing to their indifferent condition.

102. *Expenditure on Primary and Secondary Education.*—The total expenditure for the year under report on Primary and Secondary Schools was Rs. 44,603-12-5, of which Rs. 21,736-8-2 was borne by the State and the remainder contributed from local sources. The corresponding figures for 1901-02 were Rs. 42,215-2-7 and Rs. 20,733-5-3 respectively.

The charges for inspection and control amounted last year to Rs. 7,286-3-3 against Rs. 7,200-3 in the preceding year. There was an increase of Rs. 86-0-3. This was due to the travelling allowance of the Pundits and Drawing Master and the Inspector's office clerk having been paid owing to the opening of the training class and the celebration of the coronation festivities.

The total expenditure incurred by the State for Primary and Secondary Education was Rs. 31,600-15-7 against Rs. 30,145-15 in 1901-02. The budget grant for these schools and for the introduction of the new system of education was Rs. 33,710.

103. Babu Bhuban Mohan Dutt has, as usual, worked with great zeal and energy. In addition to his regular duties he has superintended the working of the special training classes, and in this too he has done good work. The remainder of the inspecting staff have worked satisfactorily.

The numbers who have so far been put through the training classes are 77, and it is hoped before long that the whole of the educational staff will have been similarly trained.

VICTORIA COLLEGE.

104. *Number on the Roll.*—Excluding "six months students" the average monthly number on the roll for the year under report was 230·83 against 227·9, 180·5 and 165·36 in the three preceding years. The number on the roll of the College on the 31st March 1903 was 168 against 185 and 163 in the corresponding date of the two previous years. These figures are exclusive of "six months" students. Including "six months" students the number was 246 against 241 and 223 in the previous years. The number of students on the whole increased slightly. The number of "six months" students on the 31st March 1903 was 78 against 55 on the corresponding date of the preceding year, or about 42 per cent. more, whilst that of other students decreased by 9 per cent. The total numerical strength increased by 2·5 per cent. in the year under report.

Two hundred and nineteen students were admitted into the General Department of the College in the year under report against 233 in the preceding year.

The largest numbers on the roll (reached in August and September) were 291 and 302 against 281 and 278 in the preceding year.

On the 31st March, 1903, there were 83 students in the 1st year, 3rd year and 5th year classes, so that the new session commenced with 83 students as against 191, 108 and 65 in the three preceding years.

105. *Permanent changes in the Staff.*—There has been some change in the College staff during the year. Babu Harendra Nath Shaha, Laboratory Assistant, resigned his appointment and Babu Beni Madhub Bhattacharji was appointed in his place, and the Moulvi of the Jenkins School was appointed to teach Persian in the College classes.

106. *Expenditure.*—The expenditure and receipts in the General Department during the year are shewn in the table below.—

Average monthly number.	EXPENDITURE.					RECEIPTS.		Average cost of educating each student.	Cost to the State.
	Establishment.	Library allowance (a).	Contingencies (b).	Gymnastics.	Total.	Transfer fees and fines.	State grant.		
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
2308	21,525 0 10	1,084 2 4	851 4 0	74 8 0	22,984 15 2	216 8 0	22,768 7 2	99 9 6	98 10 4

The total expenditure amounted to Rs. 22,984-15-2 against Rs. 23,041-9-8 in the preceding year, shewing a decrease of Rs. 56-10-6. This was due to the fact that there were some slight savings in the menial establishment and under the head of the allotment for Gymnastics in the year under report.

The cost of educating each student per annum was Rs. 99-9-6, of which very nearly the whole, *viz.*, Rs. 98-10-4 was paid by the State. In Government Colleges in Bengal the cost per annum of educating each student amounted to Rs. 177-5-10 in 1899-1900, and of this sum Rs. 82-11-4 was met from public funds.

107. *University Examinations.*—Of the three candidates who appeared at the M.A. Examination from this College one passed in English in the third division. Of the 85 students who appeared at the B.A. Examination, *viz.*, 51 in the A Course and 34 in the B Course, 16 or 19 per cent. were successful. The University average of successful candidates was 20·9. Of the 51 A Course candidates, 5 or 9·8 per cent. passed, of whom 2 obtained second class honors in Philosophy and one of whom occupied the fourth place in the Honors list. Of the 34 B Course candidates, 11 or 32·4 per cent. passed. The results were so far satisfactory. The A Course pass candidates from this College, however, broke down miserably at the last examination.

Of the 50 candidates from this College who appeared at the F.A. Examination, 33 or 66 per cent. passed. Of the successful candidates one was placed in the 1st Division, 10 in the 2nd and 22 in the 3rd division. The University average was 40 per cent. The result was satisfactory.

108. *Native Students.*—Of the 246 students on the 31st March 1903 only 12 were natives of Cooch Behar.

109. *Law Classes.*—Nine students appeared at the last B. L. Examination, of whom 3 passed in the 2nd division, *i.e.*, 33·3 per cent. were successful. The University average was 50 per cent.

110. *Discipline.*—No case of insubordination or misconduct was brought to my notice during the year under report.

111. Babu Brojendra Nath Seal, Principal of the College, worked with his usual energy and zeal, and he reports himself as satisfied with the work done by his subordinate Professors.

(a.) Out of this amount, Rs. 35-10 was spent on furniture.

(b.) This includes Sundries, Stationery, Rankhapuller's charges and Tilas.

JENKINS SCHOOL.

112. *Numerical strength*.—The number of pupils on the 31st March 1903 was 342 against 344 of the preceding year, shewing a decrease of 2 pupils.

Of the 342 pupils, 90 or 26·31 per cent. were natives of the State against the same number of the preceding year.

The average monthly number was 339 against 327 of the preceding year.

The average daily attendance was 277·87 against 274·6 of the preceding year.

113. *Income*.—The income from fees and fines including admission and re-admission fees, transfer certificate fees and arrear fees was Rs. 5,747-11-6 against Rs. 5,452-6-6 of the preceding year, shewing an increase of Rs. 295-5.

114. *Expenditure*.—The total expenditure for the year was Rs. 10,339-5-7 against Rs. 10,473-4-3. The net cost to the State of educating each pupil in 1902-03 was Rs. 13-6-10 against Rs. 14-9-5 in the preceding year.

115. *Teaching Staff*.—The Gymnastic Master was under suspension from the 12th November 1902 to the 19th April 1903.

116. *Annual Class Examinations*.—The annual examination of boys for promotion was held in January 1903. The results were satisfactory.

117. *University Examination*.—Of the 27 students sent up for the University Entrance Examination held in March 1903, 18 passed. Five of these were placed in the 1st division, four in the 2nd division and 9 in the 3rd division. Of the successful students, 6 were natives of Cooch Behar. The result is not satisfactory.

118. *Discipline*.—There has been no case of breach of discipline.

119. *Library*.—The Library received an addition of 28 books during the year under report.

120. The Head-master and the junior masters continued to work well.

121. *Boarding Institution*.—The Boarding House was thoroughly maintained and the Institution worked satisfactorily.

During the year under report the health of the boarders was generally good.

Babu Ganga Prosad Das, Superintendent of the Boarding House, was, on the expiry of his probationary period, confirmed with effect from the 1st march 1902.

The following statement will show the annual allotment and expenditure on the Rajgun Boarding:—

		YEARS.			
		1901-1902.		1902-1903.	
		Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.
Allotment	...	3,738	0 0	3,738	0 0
Expenditure	...	2,771	9 5	2,864	3 4
Balance	...	966	6 7	873	12 8

There was a saving of Rs. 873-12-8. The average monthly number of Rajgun boarders and general College boarders were 30·4 and 63·5 against 30·8 and 68·7, respectively, in the preceding year.

VI.—MEDICAL.

122. *Charge.*—Except for 48 days during which he was on leave, Dr. Stanlake James was in medical charge of the State throughout the year. During his absence on privilege leave, charge of his office rested with the Assistant Surgeon, Babu Mohit Lal Sen.

123. *General Health.*—The public health has been good. There was a marked decrease of sickness during the year under report. The rainfall for the year was exceptionally heavy and continuous. There were no long breaks, and to this the Civil Surgeon attributes the improvement in health generally.

Malaria showed the most marked decrease, especially in the Cooch Behar town itself, in those portions of the town which have lately been raised, and of which the drainage has been improved. This raising of the different low-lying portions of the town is one of the utmost important step from a sanitary point of view, and nothing should be allowed to interfere with the progress of this work. The chief increase of sickness has been in the various forms of water-borne diseases, such as dysentery etc., and in diseases of the respiratory organs and skin diseases.

There was practically no cholera. Of the 21 cases reported by the Police, 11 ended fatally. With the exception of Fulbari to the east, small-pox appeared in a more or less aggravated form in all the Sub-divisions, Mekligunj and Mathabhanga suffering most. In all 328 cases with 41 deaths were reported. Steps are being taken to prevent the spread of the disease in the out-break effectually.

The out-break of so called Kala Azar in Fulbari, reported last year, has practically disappeared, a few isolated cases only remaining.

The number of cases of fever treated in the State Hospitals decreased from 7,895 in 1901-1902 to 6,858 in the year under report, and the cases of spleen rose from 1,052 to 1,281. The necessity of establishing more Dispensaries in the State for the benefit of the people and of giving relief to the people of every part of the State was pointed out in the last year's report. Since then a new Dispensary has been opened at Shitalkhuchi in the Mathabhanga Sub-division. That the need existed for a Dispensary in this part of the State is shown by the fact that, during the 10 months for which the Dispensary was opened before the close of the year, 2,307 patients were treated, giving a daily average attendance of 33.74. Except for the addition of this new Dispensary and replacing the old Fulbari Dispensary by a new and more efficient one, the Hospitals and Dispensaries are the same as in former years. The only Dispensary building on the old mat and thatched style now to be found in the State is at Haldibari, and provision has been made in the budget of 1903-04 to replace this with a new and more finished style of building on the lines of those recently built at the Sub-divisional Head-quarters. The need, I think, for more Dispensaries is a very real one, and a Dispensary to start with at Buxirhat would do most excellent work.

Statement T attached to this report (*vide* Appendix, page xxxi) will give particular of mortality amongst cases treated as in-patients in the various Hospitals in the State.

The percentage of deaths amongst all cases treated in the State Dispensaries was 10.46 against 11.85. It is satisfactory to note the decrease in the percentage of deaths in the year under report. The total number of cases treated in all the Dispensaries in 1902-03 was 621 against 961 in 1901-02. The number of in-patients has slightly decreased. But the actual average daily numbers of those under treatment as out-patients have improved.

124. *Vital Statistics.*—For the first time the registration of births and deaths in the Cooch Behar town shows that the number of births exceeds the number of deaths. The following statement will give the percentage of births and deaths for the past 3 years:—

					Births.	Deaths.
1900-01	...	...	...	...	18.45	25.48
1901-02	...	...	...	...	16.06	17.88
1902-03	...	...	...	...	15.01	14.43

125. *Hospitals and Dispensaries.*—The Hospitals and Dispensaries existing at present are:—

1. Sudder Dispensary and Hospital.
2. Dinhata do.
3. Mathabhanga do.
4. Mekligunj do.
5. Fulbari do.
6. Haldibari do.
7. Shitalkhuchi do.
8. Police and Military Hospital
9. Jail Hospital.

Table U, appended to this report (*vide* Appendix, page xxxi) shows the attendance at each of the Hospitals and Dispensaries.

126. *Sudder Hospital.*—Beyond the usual annual painting and white washing no alterations or additions were made in the Sudder Hospital building during the year. Though the number of in-patients in this Hospital has slightly decreased, the work generally is encouraging and improving, as the following comparative table for 5 years would shew:—

Year.					In-patients.	Out-patients.
1898-99 ...	...	...	...	...	326	6,991
1899-1900 ...	...	...	...	...	401	6,834
1900-01 ...	...	...	...	...	525	7,477
1901-02 ...	...	...	...	...	395 *	7,692
1902-03 ...	...	...	...	...	350	8,208

The large number of in-patients in 1900-01 was due to the year being exceptionally unhealthy, and many patients were admitted to the Sudder Hospital from among the coolies working then on the extension of the Railway line from Alipur to Jainti.

127. *Mofussil Dispensaries.*—The old Fulbari Dispensary has been replaced by a permanent one, and placed on the same footing as other mofussil Dispensaries.

The Haldibari Dispensary building is being re-placed by a new and more finished style of building.

128. *Police and Military Hospital.*—The average daily number of patients in this Hospital was 4.16 against 5.64 in the preceding year.

129. *Operations and Prevailing Diseases.*—The total number of operations performed in the Sudder Hospital in the year under report was 423 against 367 in the preceding year.

Table V (*vide* Appendix, page xxxii) shows particulars as to the nature of operations performed with the results of the same, and table W (*vide* Appendix, page xxxiii) shows the most prevalent diseases and the results obtained in their treatment.

130. *Sale of Medicines and Prescription fees.*—The amount realized by the sale of medicines in the State was Rs. 846-13-9 against Rs. 487-13-8 in the preceding year.

The amount realized from prescription fees was Rs. 451-7-3 against Rs. 398-5-0. The increase is due to the charge being regularly made in all the Mofussil Dispensaries.

131. *Vaccination.*—The total number of vaccination in the year was 15,243 as against 18,414 in the previous year. The Civil Surgeon, however, regards these figures with much suspicion, and I have no doubt, whatever, he is justified in doing so. The matter is one that is receiving attention, and it is hoped that more reliable and satisfactory results may be obtained. The cost of vaccination has been 96 pies in the year under report as compared to 84 in the preceding year.

Table X (*vide* Appendix, page xxxiv) shows the results of vaccination operations.

132. Table Y (*vide* Appendix, page xxxiv) shows rate per cent of sex and class treated in the Dispensaries.

133. Table Z (*vide* Appendix, page xxxiv) shows the average populations, sick and death-rate of the Jail Hospital.

134. Table A¹ (*vide* Appendix, page xxxv) shows the cost of dieting each patient per diem and the expenditure of annual grant for medicines, diet &c.

135. A rain-fall statement (Table B¹) is appended to this report (*vide* Appendix, page xxxvi)

136. The Civil Surgeon has, as usual, taken the greatest interest in his work and has done much to keep the standard of efficiency in the State Hospitals and Dispensaries up to the mark.

Rules for the examination from time to time for promotion to higher grades amongst both Native Doctors and Compounders will take effect from the 1st April 1903, and it is trusted that this will go far to give the medical subordinate staff an incentive to keep up their work and continue their reading in matters relating to their profession.

Dr. James expresses his acknowledgment of the assistance he receives from the Assistant Surgeon and is, on the whole, satisfied with the work of the Native Doctors and Compounders.

PHILKHANA.

137. Mr. Ashton, the late Superintendent of the Philkhana, died on the 13th February 1903 at Siliguri on his way to Darjeeling. He has been succeeded by Mr. Surja Nath Gupta. There has been no Kheda during the year under report. On the 1st April 1902 there were 42 elephants. Of these, 39 were on the permanent establishment and 3 on the sale list. One new elephant was added to the permanent establishment. Out of 3 elephants on the sale list, one was, during the year, taken on the permanent establishment and one was sold for Rs. 500. Subsequently, 8 more elephants were added to the sale list, making the total number of elephants on the sale list 9 (including one from Chaklajat). Of these, 5 elephants have since been sold for R. 9,200 and one has died. Five elephants of the permanent establishment and one of the sale list referred to died during the year. Thus there were 3 elephants on the sale list at the end of the year, and 29 on the permanent establishment. Since the close of the year one more elephant, Smith, has been sold for Rs. 3,500.

The total Philkhana expenditure for the year was Rs. 32,777-11-3 against Rs. 36,067-10-3 in 1901-1902.

MILITARY.

138. During the year under report the number of Sowars has been increased from 9 to 11. There has been a corresponding decrease in the number of Sepoys. The Sepoys have, as usual, been employed on guard and sentry duty and orderly work. The actual strength of the force is now 192.

Discipline throughout the year has been satisfactorily maintained.

STATE PRESS.

139. The State Press has been in charge of Babu Priya Nidhan Palit throughout the year, except for three months from the 5th September 1902, when Babu Hemendra Nath Gupta remained in charge. It has worked satisfactorily during the year under report.

LIBRARY.

140. With the addition of 85 English and 17 Bengali books during the year, the total number of books in the Library stands at 8,506.

There has been no change in the establishment.

I have the honour to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

J. R. C. COLVIN, MAJOR,

Superintendent of the State, Cooch Behar.

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Statement A.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1902-1903.

PART I.—Return of cases instituted by complaint to a Magistrate or by Magistrate SUO MOTU in the year 1902-1903.

Serial Number.	LAW UNDER WHICH PUNISHABLE.	OFFENCE.	Number remaining for disposal from previous year.		Number of complaints and cases instituted during the year.	Number of complaints dismissed after examining the complainant (Section 202, Criminal Procedure Code.)	Number of cases referred for investigation to the Police.	Number otherwise investigated before being referred for investigation (under Section 205, Criminal Procedure Code.)	Number dismissed after investigation (under Section 205, Criminal Procedure Code.)	Number remaining for trial.	Number declared by a Court after trial never to have occurred or to be mistaken of law or fact.	Number of cases in which the Court has held that a non-suit is proper.	No. of COGNIZABLE OFFENCES COMMITTED THAT WERE TRIED.				Percentage of cognizable offences that were under investigation or trial at close of this year.	REMARKS.
													Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in conviction.	Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in conviction.		
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
1	116	Abetment of offence not committed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	117	Abetting commission of offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	118, 119	Concealing design to commit offence, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total.....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		CLASS I.—Offences against the State, public tranquillity, safety and justice.																
2	181 to 186, 188	Offences relating to Army and Navy.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	231 to 263, 467, and 471.	Offences relating to coin, stamps and Government notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	212, 216	Harbouring an offender	...	2	1	1	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	224 to 226	Other offences against public justice.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	143 to 163, 167, 168.	Rioting or unlawful assembly	8(a)	23	...	8	11	16	7	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	5	1
7	140, 170, 171	Personating public servant or soldier.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total.....	8	26	1	9	11	16	7	...	1	...	2	...	2	...	5	1
		CLASS II.—Serious offences against the person.																
8	302, 306, 306...	Murder....	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9		by thugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10		by dacoits	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11		by robbers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12		by poison	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13		Other murders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	307	Attempts at murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	304, 308	Culpable homicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	376	Rape	...	2	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	377	Unnatural offences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	317, 318	Exposure of infants or concealment of birth.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	308, 306, 309	Attempt at, and abetment of, suicide.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	329, 331, 333	Grievous hurt for the purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	326, 328, 336	Grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	327, 330, 332	Hurt for purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	...	1	...	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	324	Hurt by dangerous weapon	...	4	2	...	...	2	...	...	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	363 to 369	Kidnapping or abduction	...	6	36	10	9	21	30	1	...	...	...	...	...	1	...	...
26	346 to 348	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for purpose of extortion.	...	1	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	372, 373	Selling, letting, or unlawfully obtaining a minor for prostitution.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
28	371	Habitually dealing in slaves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
29	363, 364, 366, 367.	Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	...	2	11	3	1	1	8	8	...	5	2	...	...	...	...	1
30	304A, 336	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total.....	7	66	18	10	24	35	19	...	...	6	4	...	...	1	...	1
		CLASS III.—Serious offences against person and property, or against property only.																
31	385, 386, 388	Dacoity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32	390, 402	Preparation and assembly for dacoity.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	394, 397, 398	Robbery { by poisonous or stupefying drugs, by other means	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

Statement A.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1902-1903.

PART I.—Return of cases instituted by complaint to a Magistrate or by Magistrate *SUO MOTU* in the year 1902-1903.

Serial Number.	LAW UNDER WHICH PUNISH- ABLE.	OFFENCE.	Number remaining for disposal from previous year.										No. of COGNIZABLE OFFENCES COMMITTED THAT WERE TRIED.					REMARKS.
			Number of complaints and cases instituted by a Magistrate.	Number of complaints dismissed after examining the complaint (Section 249, Criminal Procedure Code).	Number of cases referred for investigation to the Police.	Number otherwise investigated before issue of Process.	Number dismissed after investigation (under Section 203, Criminal Procedure Code).	Number remaining for trial.	Number declared by a Court after trial never to have occurred or to be mistakes of law or fact.	Number in which the Court held that a non-cognizable offence only was committed.	Not referred for investigation.	Referred to the Police for investigation.	Ending in conviction.	Ending in discharge or acquittal.	Ending in conviction.	Percentage of convictions to total of columns 14 and 15.	Number of cognizable offences that were under investigation or trial at close of the year.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19
CLASS III.—Serious offences against person and property or against property only.—(Continued.)																		
83	892, 208	Robbery { in dwelling-house on the highway between sunset and sunrise, other robberies	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
84	270, 281, 282, 430 to 438, 486 to 440	Serious mischief and cognate offences.	1	11	4	2	4	7	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
85	429, 439	Mischief by killing, poisoning, or maiming any animal.	1	2	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
86	484, 485, 487 to 490	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking with intent to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt.	2	6	1	1	3	2	4	1	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
87	449 to 452	House-trespass with a view to commit an offence or having made preparation for hurt.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
88	412, 413	Receiving stolen property by dexterity or habitually.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
89	311, 400, 140	Belonging to gangs of thugs, dacoits, robbers and thieves.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total			4	20	2	7	5	8	13	1	1	7	2	2	2	2	2	2
CLASS IV.—Minor offences against the person.																		
40	841 to 844	Wrongful restraint and confinement.	12	37	10	8	14	21	15	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	1	1
41	386, 337	Rash act causing hurt or endangering life.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
42	374	Compulsory labour.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total			12	37	10	8	14	21	15	1	1	2	5	1	1	1	1	1
CLASS V.—Minor offences against property.																		
43	468, 469	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking.	2	16	3	6	2	5	8	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
44	379 to 382	Theft. { of cattle	19	207	32	55	54	94	81	2	37	30	2	9	21	1	1	1
45	406 to 408	Ordinary	4	38	12	8	4	10	15	1	10	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
46	411, 414	Criminal breach of trust ..	10	151	19	25	42	45	94	1	13	29	4	16	18	1	1	1
47	447, 448	Receiving stolen property ..	10	151	19	25	42	45	94	1	13	29	4	16	18	1	1	1
48	461, 462	Criminal or house-trespass ..	10	151	19	25	42	45	94	1	13	29	4	16	18	1	1	1
Total			28	407	66	94	102	165	198	3	63	64	9	41	10	1	1	1
CLASS VI.—Other offences not specified above.																		
49	205 to 207	Offences against religion ..	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
50	Chapter VIII, C. P. O. and Act IX. of 1874.	Vagrancy and bad character	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
51	Cognizable offences under the Acts specified.	—Offences against Gam- bling Act.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
52		—Excise Laws	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
53		—Railway Laws	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
54		—Salt and custom Laws...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
55		—Stage carriage Act	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
56		—Stamp Act	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
56A	269, 277, 279, 280, 281, 285, 286, 289, 291 to 294, Section 34 of Act V. of 1861, and any other Municipal or local laws	—Arms Act	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
57		Public and local nuisances...	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
58	Other special and local laws cognizable by Police		2	19	1	5	2	5	18	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
Total			2	21	2	5	2	5	10	1	1	4	1	1	1	1	1	1
GRAND TOTAL ..			56	486	97	138	158	240	261	1	5	79	81	3	18	91	52	26
1901-1902 ..			45	562	108	174	106	208	264	18	5	76	60	13	28	68	20	30

- * Before trial.
(a.) One transferred to Serial No. 47 of this statement.
(c.) One transferred from Serial 19 D-1.
(d.) One transferred from Serial No. 44 "ordinary" of this statement.

STATEMENT A.

RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1902-1903.

PART II.—Return of Persons concerned in cases instituted by complaint to a Magistrate or by Magistrate SUO MOTU.

Serial Number.	LAW UNDER WHICH PUNISHABLE.	OFFENCE.	Number of persons against whom process issued.		Number of persons against whom warrant issued but could not be executed.	Number of persons appearing before Court (either personally or by pleader.)	Number of persons concerned in cases pending at beginning of year.	Total before Court.	Number discharged or acquitted.	Number convicted (including those ordered to give security for good behaviour.)	Percentage of number committed on total of columns 11 and 12.	Number under trial at close of the year.	REMARKS.
			Warrant.	Summons.									
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14
1	116	Abetment of offence not committed, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	117	Abetting commission of offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1	118, 119	Concealing design to commit offence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
	CLASS I.—Offences against the State, public tranquillity, safety and justice.												
2	131 to 186, 188	Offences relating to Army and Navy	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
3	231 to 355, 407 and 471	Offences relating to coin, stamps and Government Notes.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
4	212, 216	Harbouring an offender	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
5	224 to 226	Other offences against public justice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
6	143 to 153, 157, 158	Rioting, or unlawful assembly	...	16	...	5	17	1	18	...	16	...	1
7	140, 170, 171	Personating public servant or soldier	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		TOTAL	...	16	...	5	17	1	18	...	16	...	1
	CLASS II.—Serious offences against the person.												
8	302, 303, 398	Murder { by thugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
9		" " robbers	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
10		" " poison	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
11		Other murders	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
12	307	Attempts at murder	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
13	304, 308	Culpable homicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
14	376	Rape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
15	377	Unnatural offences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
16	317, 318	Exposure of infants or concealment of birth	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
17	305, 306, 309	Attempt at, and abetment of suicide	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
18	329, 331, 333	Grievous hurt for the purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
19	325, 326, 335	Grievous hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
20	328	Administering stupefying drugs to cause hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
21	327, 330, 332	Hurt for purpose of extorting property or confession or deterring public servant.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
22	324	Hurt by dangerous weapon	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
23	363 to 369	Kidnapping or abduction	...	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
24	346 to 348	Wrongful confinement and restraint in secret or for purpose of extortion.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
25	372, 373	Selling, letting, or unlawfully obtaining a minor for prostitution.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
26	371	Indecently dealing in slaves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
27	363, 364, 366, 367	Criminal force to public servant or woman, or an attempt to commit theft or wrongfully confine.	1	6	...	1	6	1	7	...	4	...	...
28	304A, 336	Rash or negligent act causing death or grievous hurt.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		TOTAL	8	11	...	1	13	1	14	...	5	...	...
	CLASS III.—Serious offences against person and property, or against property only.												
29	395, 397, 398	Dacoity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
30	399, 402	Preparation and assembly for dacoity	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
31	394, 397, 398	Robbery with hurt { by poisonous or stupefying drugs	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
32		" " " by other means	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
33	302, 399	Robbery. { In dwelling-house	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
34		" " " on the highway between sunset and sunrise	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
35	270, 281, 282, 430 to 433, 435 to 440.	Other robberies	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
36	428, 429	Serious mischief and cognate offences	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
37	434, 435, 437 to 460	Mischief by killing, poisoning or maiming any animal	...	6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
38	440 to 482	Lurking house-trespass or house-breaking with intent to commit an offence, or having made preparation for hurt.	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
39	412, 418	House-trespass with a view to commit an offence or having made preparation for hurt.	...	8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
40	311, 400, 140	Receiving stolen property by dacoity or habitually belonging to gangs of dacoits, thugs &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		TOTAL	8	14	1	...	18	4	22	13	7	...	...
	CLASS IV.—Minor offences against the person.												
41	341 to 344	Wrongful restraint and confinement	...	15	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
42	336, 337	Rash act causing hurt or endangering life	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
43	374	Compulsory labour	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		TOTAL	...	15	...	2	13	4	17	4	6	...	...
	CLASS V.—Minor offences against property.												
44	453, 456	Lurking house trespass or house-breaking	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
45	379 to 382	Theft { ordinary	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
46	406 to 408	Criminal breach of trust	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
47	411, 414	Receiving stolen property	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
48	447, 448	Criminal or house-trespass	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
49	461, 463	Breaking closed receptacle	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		TOTAL	16	286	...	23	281	10	201	118	108	...	...
	CLASS VI.—Other offences not specified above.												
50	295 to 297	Offences against religion	...	12	...	...	12	...	19	...	...	...	...
51	Chapter VIII, U.P.C. and Act IX of 1874	Vagrancy and bad character	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
52		Offences against the Gambling Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
53		Excise Laws	...	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	...	...	...
54		Railway Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
55		Salt and Customs Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
56		Stage Carriage Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
57		Stamp Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
58		Arms Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
59	269, 277, 279, 280, 282, 283, 286, 289, 291 to 294, section 84 of Act V of 1861, and any other Municipal or local laws.	Public and local nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
60	Other special and local laws cognizable by Police.	Fishery Act	...	2	...	1	20	...	20	10	10	...	...
		TOTAL	...	18	...	1	23	...	23	18	19	...	...
		GRAND TOTAL	94	267	1	32	278	20	396	162	163	51-68	84
		1901-1902	84	266	4	35	278	21	399	162	163	51-68	84

One discharged by the sanction of the Founder Ahlikar.

One returned from Sec 1 No. 19, Statement B—II.

PART III.—Return of cases reported at a Police

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MENT A.

FOR THE YEAR 1902-1903.

Station, or taken up by Police, in the year 1902-1903.

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STATEMENT A.
RETURN OF COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1902 1903.

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PART I.—Return of Non-cognizable cases.

(a) One transferred from serial No. 26 of this statement. * Two transferred to Haldibari Bench for trial. (b) One transferred to serial No. 7 of this statement.
† One transferred to serial No. 45 & Part I. ‡ One transferred from serial No. 4 & Part I.

Statement B.
RETURN OF NON-COGNIZABLE CRIME FOR THE YEAR 1902-1903.
PART II.—Return of Persons concerned in Non-cognizable cases.

Serial number.	LAW UNDER WHICH PUNISHABLE.	OFFENCE.	Persons concerned in cases pending at beginning of the year (i.e., under trial or against whom process then issued).		Persons against whom process issued.		Persons not arrested because absconded or because they had fled or not coming up to the Court, or because the process was not issued at the end of the year.	Persons discharged after appearance without trial.	Persons discharged after appearance without trial.	Persons tried.	Persons convicted.	Percentage of number convicted to number against whom process issued (column 12 to 13).	Persons under trial at close of the year.	REMARKS.	
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16
116	...	Abetment of offence not committed, &c., &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
117	...	Abetting commission of offence by public, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
118, 119	...	Concealing design to commit offence	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CLASS I.—Offences against the State, Public Tranquillity, &c. &c.															
121 to 130, 208	...	Offences against the State	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
137	...	Harbouring deserters by master of ship	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
172 to 190, 201	...	Offences against public justice	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
204, 213 to 215, 227, 228	...	Offences by public servants	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
161 to 169, 217 to 223, 198 to 200, 203 to 211, 421 to 424	...	False evidence, false complaints and claims, and fraudulent deeds and disposition of property	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
430 to 437	...	Forgery or fraudulently using forged documents	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
284 to 297	...	Offences relating to weights and measures	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
462 to 469	...	Making or using false trade-marks	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
149, 164 to 186, 160	...	Rioting, unlawful assembly, affray	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CLASS II.—Serious offences against the person.															
512 to 516	...	Causing miscarriage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
570	...	Buying or disposing of slaves	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CLASS III.—Serious offences against the property.															
384 to 389	...	Extortion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CLASS IV.—Minor offences against the person.															
346	...	Wrongful confinement	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
352, 353, 358	...	Criminal force	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
354	...	Hurt on grave or sudden provocation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
356	...	Voluntarily causing hurt	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CLASS V.—Minor offences against property.															
417 to 420	...	Cheating	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
426, 428	...	Criminal misappropriation of property	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
429	...	Criminal breach of trust by public servants, bankers, &c.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
436, 437, 438	...	Mischief (simple)	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
CLASS VI.—Other offences not specified above.															
398	...	Offences against religion	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
400 to 402	...	Criminal breach of contract of service	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
403 to 408	...	Offences relating to marriage	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
409 to 410	...	Defamation	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
411, 412, 413	...	Intimidation and insult	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
414 to 416, 417, 418, 419, 420, 421, 422, 423	...	Public and local nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
424	...	Keeping a lottery office	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
425	...	Security for keeping the peace on conviction	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
426	...	Public nuisances	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
427	...	Disputes as to immovable property	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
428	...	Maintenance of wives and children	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Special Laws, offences under which are not cognizable by the Police.															
Regulation VI of 1819	...	Porters	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act I (B.C.) of 1860	...	Railway Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act VII of 1864	...	Abkari Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act XIII of 1870	...	Merchant Shipping Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act IX of 1880	...	Breach of contract	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act VII of 1878	...	Arms Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act V of 1861	...	Police Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act II (B.C.) of 1866	...	Jails Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act XXII of 1864	...	Customs Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act VII (B.C.) of 1864	...	Salt Acts	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act I (B.C.) of 1878	...	Vaccination Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act XX of 1868	...	Placards and Musters Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act V (B.C.) of 1866	...	Hackney Carriage Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act XIV of 1866	...	Post office Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act XVIII of 1869	...	Stamp Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act VII of 1870	...	Courts-fee Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act I of 1867	...	Cooch Behar Outside Trespassers Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act VI of 1871	...	Emigration Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act XV (B.C.) of 1871	...	Census Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act X of 1868, Chapter XXXVII	...	Contempt of Court	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act IV (B.C.) of 1878	...	Registration of Births and Deaths	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act I of 1866	...	Cooch Behar Municipal Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act VIII of 1878	...	Native Passengers' Ships Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act XIX of 1870	...	Dramatic Performances Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Act III of 1877	...	Registration Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Mutiny Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Other special Laws	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Telegraph Act	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
		Total	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
1901-1902			...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

(a) One transferred from serial No. 18 of this statement. (b) One transferred from serial No. 7 of this statement. (c) One transferred to serial No. 44, statement A.

STATEMENT C.

Shewing the race, religions or caste of officers and men employed in the Police during 1902-1903.

STATE.	RELIGION AND CASTE.																									
	RACE.				OFFICERS.													MEN.								
	NATIVES.				Hindus.													Hindus.								
	Superintendent.	Inspectors.	Sub-Inspectors and Head-constables.	Constables.	Mahomedans.	Bráhmans.	Rájpúts.	Goorkhas.	Sikhs.	Kayasths.	Chhattri.	Hindus and other castes.	Other religions.	Mahomedans.	Bráhmans.	Rájpúts.	Goorkhas.	Sikhs.	Kayasths.	Chhattri.	Hindus and other castes.	Other religions.	Grand total of officers and men.			
1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26	
Cooch Behar	1	4	44	273	11	20	..	..	..	10	1	4	....	..	59	75	10	....	..	23	49	....	57	..	..	223

KUMAR GOJENDRA NARAYAN,
Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar.

D.—Statement of Municipal Police.

Number of Municipality.		Number of Jemadars.	Number of Chowkidars.	Pay rate per month.	Total expenditure.	Remarks.
Sudder ...	...	1	27 {	Jemadars @ 10 Chowkidars @ 7	Ra. A. P. 2,388 0 0	
Dinhata ...	...	...	5 {	1 @ 8 4 @ 7	407 5 0	
Mathabhanga ...	...	...	5 {	1 @ 8 4 @ 7	425 2 6	
Haldibari ...	...	...	5 {	1 @ 8 4 @ 7	422 15 1	

KUMAR GOJENDRA NARAYAN,
Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar.

STATEMENT E.

Comparative statement of Inspection for 1901-1902 and 1902-1903.

Names of Stations, Out-Posts and Courts.	NUMBER OF TIMES INSPECTED.								REMARKS.
	By the Inspector of Police.		By the Superintendent of Police.		By the Fouzdari Officer.		By the Superintendent of the State.		
	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	
Sudder Court ...	2	3	2	1	.....	.....	.....	.....
Kotwali Police Station ..	3	3	2	3	1	1	.....	.....
Falbari Ditto ...	2	4	3	3	1	1	1	.....
Tofangunj Court ...	2	4	2	3	1	1	1	.....
Dinbhata Police Station ...	3	4	4	4	1	1	1	.....
Dinbhata Court ...	3	4	2	2	1	1	1	.....
Mathabhanga Police Station ...	6	4	2	3	1	1	1	.....
Mathabhanga Court ...	4	4	2	2	1	.....	1	.....
Independent Out-Post, Shitalkhuchi ...	5	4	2	3	1	1	1	.....
Mekligunj Police Station ...	4	4	2	2	1	1	1	.....
Mekligunj Court ...	4	4	2	3	1	.....	1	.....
Jaldibari Police Station ...	4	4	2	3	1	1	1	.....

KUMAR GOVENDRA NARAYAN,
Superintendent of Police, Cooch Behar.

F.—Annual statement of prisoners of all classes in the Cooch Behar Jail for the year 1902-1903.

Yearly aggregate of the daily total No. of prisoners sick and well.	Daily average of the foregoing.	No. of prisoners of all classes remaining on the last day of the preceding year.				No. admitted during the year.	No. received from other districts.		No. received from the Lock-ups.	Total No. in Jail.	Trial to Lunatic Asylum or to Fort Blair in the last three months in terminal.	Released.	Discharged.	Died.	Executed.	Total No. of columns 8 to 12.	No. of prisoners of all classes remaining in Jail on the last day of the year.		Number convicted during the year out of total admitted as per columns 4, 5 and 6.	Out of number in No. under trial.		Average period of detention of under-trial prisoners.	No. this Jail is capable of containing at 88 cubic ft. per prisoner.	No. above capacity with reference to col. 2.	No. below capacity with reference to col. 1.			
		In Jail.	In Hospital.	In Jail.	In Hospital.		Out of number in col. 1.	Out of number in col. 2.																				
26,066	83.01	91	70	1	3	1	181	6	..	115	2	367	10	4	..	276	10	90	3	26	..	72	3	3	15.98	189

G.—*Annual statement of prisoners of all classes in the Sub-divisional Lock-ups for the year 1902-1903.*

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HARI DAS MUKHERJI,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

II.—Statement showing the out-turn of the manufactures of the Coch R-Bar Jail during the year 1902-1903.

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TOTAL NO. OF PRISONERS EMPLOYED IN MANUFACTURES.				VALUE OF ARTICLES SOLD DURING THE YEAR.																			
In the general store.		In the other stores.		Total.		Value of articles sold in other departments for which each payment was made.		Value of articles supplied for use of the jail other than for the payment for which no cash payment was made.		Value of articles supplied for other jail, for which no cash payment was received.		Total value of articles disposed of as per code 4, 5, 6 and 7.		Value of manufactured articles in store on the 1st March 1902.		Value of raw materials in store on the 1st March 1902.		Value of raw materials in store on the 1st March 1902.		Value of raw materials in store on the 1st March 1902.		Value of raw materials in store on the 1st March 1902.	
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I.—Statement shewing the value of labour of prisoners employed in the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1902-1903.

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HARI DAS MUKHERJEE,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

J.—Statement shewing the cost of the Cooch Behar Jail during the year 1902-1903.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12
EXPENDITURE DURING THE WHOLE YEAR.						AVERAGE GROSS COST OF EACH PRISONER ON ACCOUNT OF					
Jail guard.	Establishment.	Feeding.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies &c.	Total.	Deduct profit of manufacture, &c., credited side column 12, Statement C.	Net cost.	Jail guard.	Establishment.	Died.	Clothing, Jail building, contingencies &c.	Total gross cost per prisoner.
Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.
.....	3,583 2 9	3,513 8 3	2,599 11 9	9,696 6 9	5,273 15 0	4,423 7 9	.....	43 3 5	42 5 11	31 5 7	116 14 11

HARI DAS MUKHERJEE

Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

K.—Statement showing the Jail offences and nature of punishments inflicted during the year 1902-1903.

1	2	3
Jail offences.	Description of punishments.	No. of convicts.
Having forbidden articles in possession, stealing and other offences against prison discipline.	Judicial punishments ...	2
	Corporal punishments ...	2
	Loss of marks ...	9
	Put in irons ...	5
	Putting in solitary cells ...	1
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HARI DAS MUKHERJI,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

L.—Statement shewing the General Receipts and Disbursements of the Sub-divisional Lock-ups during the year 1902-1903.

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Number of Lock-ups.	Daily average of the yearly aggregate No. of prisoners.	DISBURSEMENTS.			RECEIPTS.			Net cost.	Average gross cost per prisoner for establishment.	Average gross cost per prisoner for diet and contingencies.	Net cost for each prisoner during the year.	REMARKS.
		On account of establishment.	On account of diet and contingencies &c.	Total expenditure.	From manufacture.	On account of wages of non-manufacturing prisoners.	Total receipts.					
4	10-23	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. * A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
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HARI DAS MUKHERJI,
Officer-in-charge of Jail, Cooch Behar.

M.
PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
 COOCH BEHAR STATE.

Abstract of Annual Statement of Expenditure of the Public Works Department for the year 1902-1903.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1901-1902.		EXPENDITURE FOR 1902-1903.		Remarks.
	AMOUNT.	TOTAL.	Amount.	TOTAL.	
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
ORIGINAL WORKS.					
Civil Buildings ...	57,057 2 10		48,799 0 11		
Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	577 8 9		1,887 0 0		
Forests ...	2,559 9 6		2,126 8 0		
Total Original Works		60,194 5 1		47,812 8 11	
REPAIRS.					
Civil Buildings ...	88,026 12 8		81,062 2 5		
Military „ ...	351 6 8		806 8 11		
Miscellaneous Public Improvements.	244 6 0		266 12 9		
Total repairs ...		88,622 8 11		81,685 8 1	
EARTHQUAKE REPAIRS.					
Superintendent of State's building.	.....		—154 15 6		
Total ...		.....		—154 15 6	
Tools and Plant ...	1,518 9 10		2,368 8 9		
Total ...		1,518 9 10		2,368 8 9	
ESTABLISHMENT.					
Public Works Department.	23,021 8 6		25,275 8 8		
Dak-Bungalows ...	1,551 2 8		1,627 7 9		
Conservancy ...	500 0 0		527 14 9		
Forest ...	240 0 0		240 0 0		
Artisans' School ...	1,044 0 0		1,044 0 0		
Lansdowne Hall ...	857 12 0		1,359 14 0		
Total establishment...		27,214 1 9		30,074 8 2	
Maintenance of State carts.	5,512 6 10		5,801 1 6		
Total ...		5,512 6 10		5,801 1 6	
Repayment of advance for purchase of bullocks.	900 0 0		1,000 0 0		
		900 0 0		1,000 0 0	
GRAND TOTAL ...	.....	1,28,962 0 5	.....	1,18,088 8 11	

KEDAR NATH MAJUMDAR,
 Superintendent of Works, P. W. Dept.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1902-1903.

PARTICULARS.	Expenditure for 1901-1902.	Expenditure for 1902-1903.									
		Amount.			Petty works.		Total.				
Original Works.		Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	Rs.	As.	P.	
<i>Civil Buildings.</i>											
Addition to Fulbari Cutchery ... ..	.....				1,438	9	0	.....	1,438	9	0
" to Cooch Behar Post office ... ..	.....				998	4	8	.....	998	4	8
Civil Surgeon's house	12,874	2	8		5,132	2	0	.....	5,132	2	0
Corrugated iron roofed houses for Model schools in Mofussil	250	0	0		850	0	0	.....	850	0	0
Corrugated iron cook shed attached to Haldibari Cutchery .....	.....				388	1	9	.....	388	1	9
Corrugated iron out-houses for Fulbari and Dinhat Dispensaries .....	.....				543	6	0	.....	543	6	0
Dispensary at Fulbari	1,908	2	10		2,599	4	11	.....	2,599	4	11
Electric Light in the Palace	9,841	2	0		1,426	0	8	.....	1,426	0	8
Furniture for Superintendent of State's House ...	.....				500	8	6	.....	500	8	6
Furniture for Civil Surgeon's House	474	12	1		1,751	6	4	.....	1,751	6	4
Naib Ahlikar's quarter at Mathabhanga	1,741	2	6		2,886	1	11	.....	2,886	1	11
Ditto ditto Dinhat... ..	.....				2,905	8	7	.....	2,905	8	7
Partition in the Sub-Naib Ahlikar's Ejlash, Dinhat	.....				43	14	9	.....	43	14	9
Permanent lock-ups and guard houses at Dinhat	.....				2,208	9	9	.....	2,208	9	9
Ditto ditto at Fulbari	3,808	5	3		1,795	4	6	.....	4,001	14	3
Boarding Institution with out-houses ... ..	.....				1,376	11	0	.....	1,376	11	0
Quarters for Veterinary Hospital Assistant ...	.....				825	8	8	.....	825	8	8
Removing and reconstructing Police and Military Hospital.	486	11	9		207	4	9	.....	207	4	9
Venetian Doors for the western Verandah arches of the East wing, Palace. ....	.....				539	15	6	.....	539	15	6
Victoria College and Jenkins School building including removing and re-constructing Police and Military barracks	6,427	0	2		12,894	18	0	.....	12,894	18	0
Wells in the Sub-divisional Dispensary compounds.	.....				399	2	0	.....	399	2	0
Dispensary at Shitalkhuchi ... ..	.....				1,742	6	0	.....	1,742	6	0
Pucca temple at Mathabhanga ... ..	.....				500	0	0	.....	500	0	0
Gitaldah Dak-bungulow ... ..	.....				1,898	1	6	.....	1,898	1	6
Constructing brick wall in front of latrine in the Rajmata's Pucca house.	22	13	6		.....			.....	.....
Enclosing western porch in the Dewan's Office ...	221	2	8		.....			.....	.....
Corrugated iron roofed house near Sunity College.	43	5	6		.....			.....	.....
Making pucca drain and corrugated iron roofed verandah for latrine in Accountant-General's office.	41	10	8		.....			.....	.....
Additions and alterations to Sudder Dispensary ...	1,607	9	3		.....			.....	.....
Improvement of cricket ground	952	0	0		.....			.....	.....
Shed for Mallies at Nilkuty	55	8	9		.....			.....	.....
Addition to Toofangunj Post Office	847	1	8		.....			.....	.....
Dispensary at Dinhat... ..	4,099	11	9		.....			.....	.....
Enclosing a portion of north verandah to the Dinhata Kutchery for Excise room.	147	11	3		.....			.....	.....
Glazed doors and windows in the verandah of Dewan's Office.	178	8	3		.....			.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar's quarters at Fulbari	4,710	1	10		.....			.....	.....
Out-house of Mathabhanga Dispensary	181	6	0		.....			.....	.....
Jenkins School in the Palace Stable	22	0	0		.....			.....	.....
Tin-shed for sweepers in the Boarding Institution	188	12	9		.....			.....	.....
Veterinary Hospital	3,112	2	8		.....			.....	.....
Wells in the Sub-divisional Dispensary compounds	375	12	9		.....			.....	.....
Pucca well in the Palace	3,539	0	0		.....			.....	.....
Total Civil Buildings	57,057	2	10		43,799	0	11	.....	43,799	0	11
<i>Miscellaneous Public Improvement.</i>											
Opening out drainage channel in the Dinhat Sub- division 4A and Branch AC. ....	.....				1,587	0	0	.....	1,587	0	0
Diversions of Raidak River ... ..	.....				300	0	0	.....	300	0	0
Improvement of Polo ground	577	8	9		.....			.....	.....
Total	577	8	9		1,887	0	0	.....	1,887	0	0
<i>Forest.</i>											
Forest in General	1,556	7	3		1,129	0	3	.....	1,129	0	3
Planting and protecting trees	1,008	2	8		997	7	9	.....	997	7	9
Total Forest	2,564	9	6		2,126	8	0	.....	2,126	8	0
Total Original Works	60,194	8	1		47,812	8	11	.....	47,812	8	11

Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1902-1903.—(Continued.)

Item No.	PARTICULARS.	Expenditure for 1901-1902.	Expenditure for 1902-1903.			
			Annual	Petty works.	Total.	
		Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
	Repairs.—Civil Buildings.					
48	Artisan School with out-houses ...	98 4 6	.....	44 1 6	44 1 6	
49	Brahma Samaj Building, N. D. ...	119 1 3	185 8 9	.....	185 8 9	
50	Cemetery ...	17 10 0	17 14 3	.....	17 14 3	
51	Civil Judge's Pucca house ...	210 6 9	259 15 0	185 0 0	444 15 0	
52	Council Office Building ...	156 11 3	411 2 6	239 15 9	651 2 3	
53	Dewan's pucca house with out-houses ...	642 10 8	246 9 9	9 7 9	256 1 6	
54	Improvement of the Palace ground ...	1,726 14 9	1,942 14 3	122 6 0	2,065 4 3	
55	Jails in four Sub-divisions ...	351 4 0	308 1 9	.....	308 1 9	
56	Khapra house east of Bairagidighi... ..	.....	837 4 9	.....	837 4 9	
57	Laundowne Hall ...	397 2 9	1,204 15 9	.....	1,204 15 9	
58	Mathabhang school building ...	.....	448 8 6	.....	448 8 6	
59	Boarding Institution with out-houses ...	466 4 0	.....	318 1 9	318 1 9	
60	College Building with out-houses ...	42 0 0	.....	.....	.....
61	Model School Buildings in Mofussil ...	200 0 0	100 0 0	85 5 9	185 5 9	
62	Native Guest Houses 2 & 3 ...	451 12 6	165 0 10	96 5 9	261 6 7	
63	Out-houses of Palace (Pucca) ...	1,199 13 3	1,604 14 6	.....	1,604 14 6	
64	Out-houses of Palace (Kutchia) ...	645 4 0	652 10 9	.....	652 10 9	
65	Palace ...	6,674 18 3	4,028 5 3	36 12 0	4,065 1 3	
66	Philkhana with out-houses ...	468 15 0	399 0 0	.....	399 0 0	
67	Police Stations Sudder... ..	68 13 5	236 10 6	3 5 0	239 15 6	
68	Post Offices in Mofussil ...	492 9 9	300 0 0	.....	300 0 0	
69	Public Works Office, Ghdawns and bullocks shed ...	478 11 3	353 3 9	.....	353 3 9	
70	Quarter for Personal Assistant to H. H. ...	132 14 9	1,561 8 1	.....	1,561 8 1	
71	Quarter for Accountant-General ...	125 11 9	308 0 0	.....	308 0 0	
72	Quarter for Assistant Surgeon ...	76 13 3	384 9 0	22 11 0	407 4 0	
73	Quarter for the Principal, Victoria College ...	.....	786 5 9	.....	786 5 9	
74	Quarter for Minister, N. D. Church ...	246 11 9	.....	80 6 6	80 6 6	
75	Quarters for Sub-divisional Officers ...	598 13 9	.....	189 8 0	189 8 0	
76	Rajmata's Pucca House ...	297 1 0	269 3 9	.....	269 3 9	
77	Repairs to Raj Ander ...	1,498 14 6	1,519 14 6	.....	1,519 14 6	
78	Stable and Coach Houses ...	542 18 3	401 7 9	.....	401 7 9	
79	Sub-divisional Buildings ...	815 12 0	730 11 9	15 1 9	745 13 6	
80	Superintendent of State's house with out-houses... ..	785 11 0	899 4 6	63 12 9	903 1 3	
81	Superintendent of State's office ...	78 5 0	415 10 3	109 1 6	524 11 9	
82	Temples in Town ...	266 12 0	317 3 6	.....	317 3 6	
83	Temples in Mofussil ...	975 12 9	1,209 1 0	.....	1,209 1 0	
84	Woodlands ...	5,599 0 0	4,679 5 9	.....	4,679 5 9	
85	Bandsmen's Bungalow with out-houses ...	100 15 6	.....	198 6 3	198 6 3	
86	Civil Surgeon's Bungalow at Nilkuti ...	78 8 3	.....	120 10 0	120 10 0	
87	Dak-Bungalow, Sudder ...	45 14 0	.....	108 6 6	108 6 6	
88	Dak-Bungalows in Mofussil ...	1,066 5 0	.....	280 14 3	280 14 3	
89	Dewan's office with Treasury and out-houses ...	60 12 9	.....	118 1 0	118 1 0	
90	Dispensary with out-houses, Sudder ...	1,556 1 6	.....	102 6 3	102 6 3	
91	Dispensaries in Mofussil ...	512 12 0	.....	225 2 6	225 2 6	
92	Goshanimari Temple ...	445 0 0	.....	.....	.....
93	Jail-wall with Jailor's office ...	22 9 0	.....	.....	.....
94	Engine shed in Palace ...	167 9 6	.....	.....	.....
95	Post office and Post Master's lodging ...	264 6 3	.....	.....	.....
96	Rajmata's pucca house in the Palace compd. ...	374 5 3	.....	.....	.....
97	Record office and east-wing of Council Building... ..	64 12 3	.....	63 4 0	63 4 0	
98	School buildings (Jenkins, Vernacular School and Sunity College.) ...	329 3 6	.....	99 14 9	99 14 9	
99	State Stables at Nilkuti ...	125 1 0	.....	100 10 6	100 10 6	
100	Tan Godown ...	27 2 6	.....	14 15 3	14 15 3	
101	Tent godown ...	18 11 9	.....	32 11 0	32 11 0	
102	Duar Office ...	26 2 6	.....	47 2 9	47 2 9	
103	Foundary Office building ...	230 0 0	.....	370 4 6	370 4 6	
104	Lime Godown ...	170 1 3	.....	58 4 9	58 4 9	
105	Pucca path in front of Tin Bungalow ...	10 15 9	.....	.....	.....
106	Providing 2 punkhas in the Printing Office ...	11 14 6	.....	.....	.....
107	Compounder's quarter at Mekligunj ...	10 11 6	.....	.....	.....
108	Cook shed for Civil Surgeon's Bungalow ...	142 0 0	.....	.....	.....
109	Road side Stable at Tanatani ...	10 8 6	.....	.....	.....
110	Misson Bungalow ...	.....	.....	29 2 0	29 2 0	
111	Making shelves &c. in the barracks for Constables ...	.....	.....	53 12 3	53 12 3	
112	Civil godown ...	.....	.....	21 5 6	21 5 6	
113	Band stand ...	.....	.....	36 9 6	36 9 6	
114	Church at Nilkuty ...	.....	.....	35 8 0	35 8 0	
115	Gymkhana ...	.....	.....	50 5 0	50 5 0	
116	Stable occupied by School ...	.....	.....	61 5 0	61 5 0	
117	Printing office ...	.....	.....	75 1 3	75 1 3	
118	Orange garden at Nilkuty ...	.....	.....	21 11 6	21 11 6	
	Total Repairs—Civil Buildings ...	33,026 13 8	27,124 13 5	3,987 5 0	31,062 2 5	

Annual Statement of Expenditure of the P. W. Dept. for the year 1902-1903. (Concluded.)

PARTICULARS.	Expenditure for 1901-1902.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1902-1903.			
		Annual.	Petty works.	Total.	
<i>Military.</i>	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	
Barrack, Stables and Magazine ...	351 6 8	188 10 9	117 14 2	306 8 11	
<i>Miscellaneous Public Improvement.</i>					
Tanks and Wells in Motussil ...	244 6 0	266 12 9	.....	266 12 9	
<i>Earthquake repairs to other Buildings.</i>					
Superintendent of State's Building ...	.....	—154 15 6	.....	—154 15 6	
<i>Tools and Plant.</i>					
Purchase and manufacture of Tools +	1,111 9 10	1,578 14 6	.....	1,578 14 6	
Repairing Tools ...	407 0 0	789 10 8	.....	789 10 8	
Total Tools and Plant	1,518 9 10	2,368 8 9	.....	2,368 8 9	
<i>P. W.—Establishment.</i>					
Engineer ...	4,800 0 0	4,800 0 0	.....	4,800 0 0	
Upper Subordinates ...	3,420 0 0	3,469 8 4	.....	3,469 8 4	
Lower ditto ...	1,461 2 6	1,492 10 9	.....	1,492 10 9	
Petty ...	2,838 8 0	2,821 8 0	.....	2,821 8 0	
Office ...	4,884 0 0	5,101 8 6	.....	5,101 8 6	
Cooch Behar Agency ...	444 0 0	448 8 6	.....	448 8 6	
Travelling allowances ...	3,266 12 0	5,195 10 7	.....	5,195 10 7	
Contingencies ...	2,218 8 0	2,186 9 6	.....	2,186 9 6	
Inspection ...	191 10 0	314 8 6	.....	314 8 6	
Total Public Works	23,021 8 6	25,275 8 8	.....	25,275 8 8	
<i>Dak-Bungalow.</i>					
Salary ...	1,247 8 8	1,283 6 9	.....	1,283 6 9	
Contingencies ...	308 15 0	394 1 0	.....	394 1 0	
Total Dak-Bungalow	1,551 2 8	1,627 7 9	.....	1,627 7 9	
<i>Conservancy Establishment.</i>					
Salary ...	348 0 0	348 0 0	.....	348 0 0	
Contingencies ...	152 0 0	179 14 9	.....	179 14 9	
Total Conservancy Establishment	500 0 0	527 14 9	.....	527 14 9	
<i>Forest Establishment.</i>					
Salary ...	240 0 0	240 0 0	.....	240 0 0	
<i>Lansdowne Hall Establishment.</i>					
Salary ...	180 0 0	180 0 0	.....	180 0 0	
Contingencies ...	677 12 0	1,179 14 0	.....	1,179 14 0	
Total Lansdowne Hall Estab.	857 12 0	1,359 14 0	.....	1,359 14 0	
Artizan School Establishment ...	1,044 0 0	1,044 0 0	.....	1,044 0 0	
Maintenance of State Carts ...	5,512 6 10	5,301 1 6	.....	5,301 1 6	
Repayment of advance for purchase of Bullocks...	900 0 0	1,900 0 0	.....	1,000 0 0	

Receipts.

	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.			
Miscellaneous ...	488 4 7	2,789 8 11			
Timber ...	1,900 11 2	598 7 0			
Rest, ordinary ...	5,866 4 0	4,288 14 0			
Use Cart ...	7,450 8 10	7,486 8 11			
Total Receipts	7,450 8 10	7,486 8 11			

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
COOCH BEHAR STATE.

N.—Abstract of Annual Expenditure for the C. I. Fund for 1902-1908.

Item No.	PARTICULARS.	Expenditure for 1901-1902.	Expenditure for 1902-1908.		
			Annual repairs.	Petty repairs.	Total.
		Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Original Works...	22,828 7 9		27,844 11 7	
2	Repairs ...	27,965 7 6	22,828 7 9	25,985 8 2	27,844 11 7
3	Contingencies ...	680 0 0	27,965 7 6	188 1 7	25,985 8 2
4	Payments into Treasury ...	1,094 0 9	680 0 0	1,262 10 8	188 1 7
			1,094 0 9		1,262 10 8
	Grand total ...	.....	52,568 0 0	.....	55,276 0 0
	<i>Miscellaneous Receipts.</i>				
6	Sale proceeds of bridge materials ...	.....	819 0 6	.....	405 8 0

Annual statement of Expenditure for the Communication Impt. Fund for the year 1902-1903.

Sl. No.	PARTICULARS	Expenditure for 1901-1902.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1902-1903.		
			Amount.	Petty repairs.	Total.
	Original Works.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1	Bagdwar Bridge on the Dinbata-Mekligunj Road ...	.....	1,753 5 0	.....	1,753 5 0
2	Iron bridge over Haskhawa and Kalapani on Emigration Road.	927 14 6	9,577 4 4	.....	9,577 4 4
3	Permanent bridge over Ghargharia ...	4,634 10 3	9,940 10 7	.....	9,940 10 7
4	Pucca bridge on Haldibari portion of Emigration Road.	.....	2,483 14 3	.....	2,483 14 3
5	Pucca bridge on Lowkuti Road ...	.....	1,999 10 11	.....	1,999 10 11
6	Widening Emigration Road at Haldibari ...	2,813 0 0	1,000 0 0	.....	1,000 0 0
7	Metalling a portion of Emigration Road at the 44th mile.	.....	889 9 9	.....	889 9 9
8	Pucca bridge on Dewangunj Road ...	6,447 9 2	200 4 9	.....	200 4 9
9	Permanent bridge on Falacutta Road ...	2,998 4 1	.....	.....	.....
0	Ditto ditto on Buxa Road ...	850 13 0	.....	.....	.....
1	Pucca culvert on Emigration Road at Haldibari ...	978 1 6	.....	.....	.....
2	Iron bridge over Manshai on Rakina Road ...	3,178 3 3	.....	.....	.....
	Total Original Works ...	22,828 7 9	27,844 11 7	.....	27,844 11 7
	Repairs.				
3	Buxa Road ...	669 14 6	788 4 3	.....	788 4 3
4	Balarampore Feeder Road ...	1,601 5 0	712 10 6	.....	712 10 6
5	Cross road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi ...	411 2 6	458 6 6	.....	458 6 6
6	Ditto Patgram to Bhootan ...	2,324 9 4	1,226 3 6	.....	1,226 3 6
7	Ditto Dinbata to Mekligunj ...	877 8 2	1,199 10 6	.....	1,199 10 6
8	Changrabanda Feeder Road ...	622 2 3	616 9 9	.....	616 9 9
9	Chowdhurihat ditto ...	37 11 9	47 15 6	.....	47 15 6
0	Dewangunj ditto ...	250 9 6	418 0 0	.....	418 0 0
1	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar ...	2,666 11 9	3,356 10 0	.....	3,356 10 0
2	Emigration Road east of Cooch Behar ...	1,621 13 0	1,088 14 9	.....	1,088 14 9
3	Feeder road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	1,941 1 9	1,026 0 9	.....	1,026 0 9
4	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi (including the tract from Shibpur Bowrah.)	1,179 1 0	789 13 2	.....	789 13 2
5	Ditto from Dewanhat to Balarampore ...	440 11 9	577 11 6	.....	577 11 6
6	Falacutta Road ...	297 0 9	394 0 0	.....	394 0 0
7	Gudadhar Road (Feeder Road from Banewar to Natabari.)	193 9 3	254 13 6	.....	254 13 6
8	Inspection Bungalows ...	988 11 9	953 6 0	.....	953 6 0
9	Janaki Tewary Road ...	595 11 9	238 8 3	.....	238 8 3
0	Kashiabari Feeder Road ...	198 11 6	138 11 9	.....	138 11 9
1	Kakina Road with branches ...	830 3 9	697 6 6	.....	697 6 6
2	Katamari to Manabari Road ...	511 14 6	795 2 6	.....	795 2 6
3	Lowkuti Road ...	1,584 10 3	2,501 14 6	.....	2,501 14 6
4	Manikgunj Feeder Road ...	194 14 6	176 2 6	.....	176 2 6
5	Purbabhang Road ...	262 11 0	211 11 6	.....	211 11 6
6	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuti ...	854 0 9	823 9 3	.....	823 9 3
7	Roads in the Suburbs ...	512 2 3	401 7 3	.....	401 7 3
8	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga ...	.....	482 0 3	.....	482 0 3
9	Road from Haldibari to Bhowlagunj ...	.....	185 8 6	.....	185 8 6
0	Road from Mathabhanga to Falacutta ...	.....	351 6 0	.....	351 6 0
1	Road from Bhetaguri to Nazirhat ...	.....	106 5 6	.....	106 5 6
2	Road from Dewanhat to Chilkirhat ...	.....	243 4 9	.....	243 4 9
3	Road from Fulbari to Chilkiguri ...	.....	280 13 6	.....	280 13 6
4	Road from Chilahana to Bhatibari ...	.....	151 7 6	.....	151 7 6
5	Rungpur Road ...	711 15 9	540 2 3	.....	540 2 3
6	Village paths ...	2,428 11 0	2,000 2 3	.....	2,000 2 3
7	Unforeseen ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
8	Flood Repairs ...	.....	1,800 9 6	.....	1,800 9 6
9	Special repairs to Haldibari portion of Emigration Road.	3,216 0 6	.....	.....	.....
	Total Repairs ...	27,965 7 6	25,985 8 2	.....	25,985 8 2
	Contingency.				
0	Ameen and Peon for acquiring lands ...	401 2 0	37 6 10	.....	37 6 10
1	Contingency ...	28 14 0	45 10 9	.....	45 10 9
2	Establishment for ascertaining reduction of jumma for Banewar-Natabari Road.	250 0 0	100 0 0	.....	100 0 0
	Total Contingency ...	680 0 0	183 1 7	.....	183 1 7
3	Payments into Treasury ...	1,094 0 9	1,262 10 8	.....	1,262 10 8
	Receipts.				
4	Miscellaneous Receipts ...	819 0 6	.....	.....	405 8 0

KEDAR NATH MAJUMDAR,
Superintendent of Works, P. W. Dept.

Schedule of Roads and Bridges under the charge of the Public Works Department and Expenditure in the year 1902-1903.

Serial No.	Names of Roads.	WIDTH.		BRIDGE AND CULVERT.				LENGTH.				EXPENDITURE.			REMARKS.
		Feet.	No.	Running feet.	No.	Rising feet.	Metalled.	Embanked or bridged.	Neither embanked nor bridged.	Original works.	Repairs.	Total.			
1	Buxa Road	20	6	417	2	35	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	821	821	Rs.
2	Balarampore Feeder Road	15	14	493	6	80	.....	18	.....	.....	.....	713	713	
3	Cross road from Mathabhanga to Shitalkhuchi	15	14	534	6	24	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	714	714	
4	Ditto from Dinhat to Mekligunj	20	11	417	4	63	.....	29	.....	1,753	.....	1,200	2,953	
5	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan	15	8	436	3	57	.....	11½	.....	.....	.....	1,230	1,230	
6	Changrabanda Feeder Road up to Moranga via Ranirhat.	15	11	300	2	30	.....	21	.....	.....	.....	616	616	
7	Chowdhuri Hat Feeder Road	15	2	51	1	12	.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	48	48	
8	Dewangunj Feeder Road	15	2	81	...	...	.....	3½	.....	200	.....	418	618	
9	Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar	20	22	1343	8	152	.....	84	.....	13,951	.....	3,594	17,545	
10	Ditto do. east ditto	20	10	126	1	20	.....	194	.....	.....	.....	1,039	1,039	
11	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	15	3	125	4	60	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	1,290	1,290	
12	Ditto from Dewanhat to Balarampore	15	3	81	1	18	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	578	578	
13	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi including the track from Shibpur Bowra.	15	4	150	11	162	.....	19	.....	.....	.....	790	790	
14	Falacutia Road	15	4	125	...	...	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	394	394	
15	Feeder Road from Baneswar to Natabari (Godadhur Road.)	20	2	55	6	105	.....	7	.....	.....	.....	255	255	
16	Janaki Tewari Road	15	3	111	9	156	.....	11	.....	.....	.....	238	238	
17	Kashibari Feeder Road	15	3	111	...	...	.....	2½	.....	.....	.....	139	139	
18	Kakina Road with branches	20, 15, 12	9	556	11	169	.....	35	.....	.....	.....	920	920	
19	Katamari to Manabari Road	12	2	150	1	12	.....	7	.....	2	.....	1,254	1,254	
20	Lowkuty Road	20, 10	4	307	8	169	.....	35	.....	11,941	.....	2,502	14,443	
21	Manickgunj Feeder Road	15	4	278	1	15	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	176	176	
22	Purbabag Road	20	2	134	2	32	.....	12	.....	.....	.....	212	212	
23	Roads and bridges at Nilkuty	20	4	30	2	36	.....	4	.....	.....	.....	823	823	
24	Ditto in the suburb	20, 15, 10	1	24	2	43	.....	8	.....	.....	.....	401	401	
25	Bungpur Road	20	9	491	5	104	.....	25½	.....	.....	.....	554	554	
26	Road from Mathabhanga to Moranga	12	3	90	...	...	.....	16	.....	.....	.....	482	482	

		10	.....	164	7,216	112	1,771	54	422½	.....	27,845	23,032	50,877	Cost per mile for Repairs 58-84.
27	Road from Haldibari to Bhowlagunj ...	10	.....	.....	.....	2	24	.....	6	.....	.....	185	185	
28	Ditto Mathabhang to Falcacutta ...	10, 12	.....	1	20	4	64	.....	12	.....	.....	351	351	
29	Ditto Bhetaguri to Nazirhat ...	10, 15	.....	1	40	2	30	.....	8	.....	.....	106	106	
30	Ditto Dewanhat to Chikirhat ...	10	.....	2	140	2	28	.....	7	.....	.....	557	557	
31	Ditto Fulbari to Chikiguri ...	10	.....	.....	.....	3	36	.....	10	.....	.....	281	281	
32	Ditto Chikabana to Bhatibari ...	10	.....	.....	.....	3	36	.....	7	.....	.....	151	151	
	Total	.....	.....	8	185	8	108	.....	13	119½	.....	.....	.....
	<i>Village Paths.</i>													
1	Bowti Road	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
2	Gardhat to Bhalka and Majer Dabry	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....
3	Balarampore to Chiklkhana	10	.....	1	15	1	12	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
4	Balarampore to Shikhuri and Fulkumar	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	14	.....	.....	.....
5	Dewangunj Road from Teesta Ghat	10	.....	1	100	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
6	Dhubri-Teesta Road to Durgapur	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
7	Khet-Mathabhang Road to Moranga Road	10	.....	.....	.....	1	12	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
8	Mathabhang to Rotherdanga	10	.....	3	40	.....	.....	.....	1	4½	.....	.....	.....
9	Poonidibari to Chokkata through Ghoksdanga with a branch to Changrabanda.	10	.....	.....	.....	5	70	.....	6	12½	.....	.....	.....
10	Rungpur Road to Bamanhat through Gosaigunj	10	.....	8	80	1	14	.....	.....	2	.....	.....	.....
11	Poonidibari Road to Patkhaba Hat	15	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2½	.....	.....	.....
12	Road from Fulbari to Nakkatigach	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4	.....	.....	.....
13	Small Roads including road to Hatibunda	15, 10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5	.....	.....	.....
14	Path from Latkoberi to Chowdhurihat	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	4½	.....	.....	.....
15	Ditto Dhalpal to Natabari	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....
16	Ditto Old Baneswar Hat to Nilkuti via Shidhe-svari.	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17	Path from Ghargharia to Balaranabash connecting Lowkuty Road and Baneswar-Natabari Road.	10	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....
18	Road from Abtara to Bamonhat	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3½	.....	.....	.....
19	Ditto Dhalpal to Bhaishkuchi	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8	.....	.....	.....
	Total	.....	.....	8	185	8	108	.....	13	119½	.....	.....	.....

Cost for maintenance of
95½ miles 2,000.

Cost per mile 20-94
Under construction.
Ditto.
Ditto.

Ditto.
Under survey.

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE

Statement showing the repairs done on Roads during the year 1902-1903.

Item No.	Names of Roads	Earthwork cft.	Surface repairs sq. ft.	Turfing sq. ft.	Wood work cft.	Reinforcing Railings sq. ft.	Renewing Platform cft.	Unrigged iron cavities sq. ft.	Metalling cft.
1.	Buxa Road	1,71,743	5,95,803	.....	5-55	.....	.....	.....	720
2.	Badampore Feeder Road	8,356	6,19,750	860	21-51	150	.....	.....	.....
3.	Cross Road from Dinbata to Matligunj	1,80,647	16,77,925	2,000	119-00	30	588	.....	.....
4.	Ditto from Mathabanga to Shitalkhuchi	1,74,865	11,27,195	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
5.	Ditto from Patgram to Bhutan	2,02,182	5,51,620	4,350	610-28	124	375	45	.....
6.	Changrabanda Feeder Road	1,93,670	9,59,730	5,096	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
7.	Chowdhurhat Feeder Road	4,620	1,27,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
8.	Dewangunj Feeder Road	68,396	1,89,674	3,983	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
9.	Emigration Road West of Cooch Behar	5,57,785	18,65,892	34,712	280-00	180	388	58	.....
10.	Ditto East of Cooch Behar	1,14,647	2,84,337	.....	112-00	.....	300	.....	1,368
11.	Falacutia Road	37,812	1,36,860	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
12.	Feeder Road from Emigration Road to Patlakhawa	3,92,868	6,08,239	65,454	.....	.....	390	.....	.....
13.	Ditto from Dewanhat to Balarampore	1,35,124	2,22,542	525	8-33	.....	.....	26	.....
14.	Ditto from Cooch Behar to Shitalkhuchi	1,13,972	6,08,875	6,560	.....	.....	.....	96	.....
15.	Road from Katamari to Manabari	2,40,711	3,23,450	38,180	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
16.	Feeder Road from Banceswar to Natabari	53,200	67,580	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
17.	Janaki Tewari Road	38,318	1,50,886	.....	3-66	.....	.....	.....	.....
18.	Kashibari Feeder Road	16,778	4,96,900	.....	57-00	.....	.....	.....	.....
19.	Kakina Road with branches	77,708	15,93,239	1,054	35-00	.....	120	.....	.....
20.	Lowkuty Road	4,66,193	17,23,548	39,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
21.	Manikgunj Feeder Road	19,200	62,400	.....	.....	50	143	.....	.....
22.	Purbabag Road	81,139	1,67,639	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
23.	Roads and Bridges at Nilkuty	15,050	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	5,193
24.	Ditto in the Suburbs	405	1,44,900	.....	9-00	.....	.....	.....	.....
25.	Rangpur Road	73,601	6,41,489	.....	13-60	.....	30	.....	.....
26.	Village Paths	2,24,099	18,12,868	23,292	224-18	.....	.....	14	.....
27.	Road from Mathabanga to Moranga	54,085	2,55,735	29,475	36-00	.....	.....	.....	.....
28.	Ditto Haldibari to Bhowlagunj	63,591	53,100	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
29.	Ditto Mathabanga to Falacutia	1,00,092	2,06,880	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
30.	Ditto Bhetaguri to Nazirhat	13,093	13,093	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
31.	Ditto Dewanhat to Chilkirhat	934	82,200	3,245	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
32.	Ditto Fulbari to Chikliguri	1,15,680	1,89,510	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
33.	Ditto Chilahana to Bhatibari	15,026	8,43,200	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
	TOTAL	39,76,860	1,78,99,239	2,67,386	1,555-11	484	2,357	239	7,281

KEDAR NATH MAJUMDAR,

- ed. of Works, P. W. Department.

Q.—Abstract of Annual Expenditure for the Chakrajat Public Works for 1902-1903.

HEAD OF SERVICE.	EXPENDITURE FOR 1901-1902.			EXPENDITURE FOR 1902-1903.		
	Amount.		Total.	Amount.		Total.
	Rs.	A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. A.	Rs. A. P.	
ORIGINAL WORKS.						
Civil Buildings ...	3,889	9 0		8,058	6 1	
Total ...			3,889 9 0			8,058 6 1
REPAIRS.						
Civil Buildings ...	8,817	10 8		2,907	1 0	
Communications ...	20	12 0		48	7 9	
Miscellaneous ...	90	4 6		105	18 8	
Total ...			8,928 10 9			3,056 6 0
ESTABLISHMENT.						
Establishment including contingencies.	927	7 0		842	14 9	
Total ...			927 7 0			842 14 9
GRAND TOTAL ...			8,245 10 9			11,957 10 10

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.
CHAKLAJAT ESTATES.
Annual Statement of Expenditure for Chaklajat for the year 1902-1903.

Serial No.	PARTICULARS.	Expenditure for 1901-1902.	Expenditure for 19 2-1903.	REMARKS.
	Original Works.	Rs. As. P.	Rs. As. P.	
	<i>Civil Buildings.</i>			
1	Dispensary at Debigunj ...	700 0 0	762 0 0	Adjustments still pending.
2	Elephant shed ditto ...	748 0 0	274 8 3	
3	Pucca Kutchery at Panga ...	660 9 6	2,944 8 0	
4	Ditto Patgram ...	942 2 6	3,872 0 8	
5	Ranigunj pipe-well at Ghugubari and Dum Dum ...	388 13 0	.....
6	Strong room for the Treasury ...	.....	205 15 7	
	Total Orgl. Works ...	3,389 9 0	8,058 6 1	
	* Repairs.			
	<i>Civil Buildings.</i>			
7	Amlahs' Quarters at Jalpaiguri ...	147 3 3	108 13 6	
8	Boda Toke Kutcheries (10 Tokes) ...	810 6 6	571 1 0	
9	Dispensary and Native Doctor's quarters at Debigunj ...	187 10 9	278 7 6	
10	Manager's residence at Debigunj ...	253 6 9	310 13 0	
11	Ditto Office Bungalow at Jalpaiguri ...	493 6 6	43 10 0	
12	Ditto ditto Debigunj ...	208 9 6	291 15 3	
13	Nripendra Narayan Hall at Jalpaiguri ...	376 10 6	.....
14	Patgram Toke Kutchery ...	199 8 3	352 13 9	
15	Philkhana and Mahoots' quarters ...	43 9 9	.....
16	Repairs to Hâts ...	2 0 0	.....
17	Repairs to Panga Tehsil Kutchery ...	194 12 3	22 6 0	
18	Rungpur Toke Kutcheries ...	387 13 0	200 4 9	
19	School buildings in the Estate ...	50 4 0	58 8 6	
20	Staging Bungalows at Debigunj and Patgram ...	176 15 9	196 10 0	
21	Temples at Boda, Patgram and Purbabhag ...	285 5 6	294 7 3	
22	Unforeseen ..	.....	177 2 6	
	Total Repairs, Civil Buildings ...	3,817 10 3	2,907 1 0	
	<i>Communications.</i>			
23	Station Road ...	20 12 0	43 7 9	
	Total Communications ...	20 12 0	43 7 9	
	<i>Miscellaneous.</i>			
24	Tangali Bund Tanks and wells ...	90 4 6	105 13 3	
	Total Miscellaneous ...	90 4 6	105 13 8	
	<i>Establishment.</i>			
25	Lower Subordinates ...	300 0 0	300 0 0	
26	Petty ...	72 0 0	72 0 0	
27	Travelling & contingencies ...	459 7 0	374 14 9	
28	Chowkidar and sweeper for Patgram Dak-Bungalow ...	96 0 0	96 0 0	
	Total Establishment...	927 7 0	842 14 9	
	Grand Total ...	8,245 10 9	11,957 10 10	
	<i>Receipts.</i>			
29	Sale proceeds of old materials ...	40 2 5	41 8 0	
	Total ...	40 2 5	41 8 0	

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PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT.

COOCH BEHAR STATE.

List of contribution works for 1901-1902.

Names of works.	Estimate.	State grant.	Amount of contribution.	Expenditure during the year.	Expenditure up to date including State grant.	Balance available on the 31st March 1903.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sunbury Terrace ...	.....	.....	254 5 8	207 10 8	207 10 8	46 11 0
Improvement of Sub-divisions ...	.....	.....	700 14 5	698 3 9	698 3 9	2 10 8
Survey of Dinbata Taluk ...	.....	.....	300 0 0	16 0 0	268 2 3	31 13 9
Brahmo Palli ...	1,835	.....	1,150 0 0	.....	757 8 9	392 7 3
Pucca Well at Sahebgunj ...	500	.....	500 0 0	302 10 8	434 7 9	65 8 3
Ranigunj pipe well at Barthore ...	200	.....	200 0 0	17 14 0	200 0 0	.....
Drain at Fulbari ...	781	.....	781 0 0	390 3 0	651 15 3	79 0 9
Drain at Nagarbari ...	767	.....	767 0 0	.....	574 12 3	192 3 9
Pucca Well at Okrabari ...	511	.....	511 0 0	268 0 8	440 11 6	70 4 6
Culvert on Balarampur Feeder Road ...	189	.....	189 0 0	.....	184 4 9	4 11 3
Improvement of Mogulhati parah ...	7,661	4,422	3,239 0 0	4,815 14 5	4,422 0 0 2,607 9 5	631 6 7
Drainage scheme A ...	3,370	1,587	1,783 0 0	1,853 12 0	1,587 0 0 1,578 3 0	209 13 0
Pucca Well at Petla ...	508	.....	508 0 0	276 12 3	417 0 3	90 15 9
Widening Emigration Road west of Cooch Behar.	4,818	3,813	1,000 0 0	595 11 9	3,813 0 0 278 5 10	721 10 2
Mathabhanga school building ...	.....	.....	398 9 6	75 0 9	398 9 6	.....
Dispensary at Debigunj ...	2,962	.....	2,962 0 0	2,673 1 9	2,737 7 6	224 8 6
Filling up Tanks near Court of Wards Office	311-4-6	.....	311 4 6	1 0 0	1 0 0	310 4 6
Thakurbari at Mathabhanga ...	3,000	500	2,500 0 0	439 15 9	500 0 0 60 0 8	2,560 0 3
Pucca well at Banewar Temple ...	750	.....	750 0 0	611 5 0	611 5 0	138 11 0
Ditto at Nabani ...	350	.....	150 0 0	141 5 3	141 5 3	8 10 9
Ditto at Moradanga ...	100	.....	85 0 0	84 15 9	84 15 9	0 0 3
Clearing jungles around pillars for Trigonometrical survey.	44	.....	27 8 0	22 8 0	22 8 0	5 0 0
Khern Chowdhury's bridge at Shitai ...	3,000	.....	2,455 0 0	1,719 12 0	1,719 12 0	785 4 0
Culvert on Kirti Sarkar's Road ...	.....	.....	100 0 0	.....	.....	100 0 0
Pucca drain round the well at Gosanimari...	.....	.....	52 0 0	9 7 6	9 7 6	42 8 6
Pucca platform at Bhaishkuchi well ...	.....	.....	60 0 0	.....	.....	60 0 0
Pound Fund village path ...	.....	.....	29 13 9	.....	.....	29 13 9
Fencing round Tennis Court ...	.....	.....	12 1 9	.....	.....	12 1 9
Trough near Balarampur well ...	.....	.....	15 0 0	2 7 6	2 7 6	12 8 6
Two corrugated iron sheds for <i>atithana</i> at Gosanimari.	635	.....	635 0 0	121 7 6	121 7 6	513 8 6
Works of Public utility in connection with Chaukidari fund.	20,000	.....	2,000 0 0	1,474 11 9	1,474 11 9	525 4 3
Pucca well at Fulbari Thakurbari ...	.....	.....	100 0 0	81 1 9	81 1 9	18 14 3
Dispensary at Haldibari ...	4,005	.....	1,000 0 0	.....	.....	1,000 0 0
Bamonhat well ...	937	.....	937 0 0	336 12 9	336 12 9	600 3 3
Native Doctor's quarter at Shitalkuchi ...	1,000	.....	200 0 0	196 13 3	196 13 3	3 2 9
Improvement of Mathabhanga Town	.....	800	400 0 0	.....	300 0 0	400 0 0
Tube well at Balarhat ...	.....	.....	43 1 3	43 1 3	43 1 3	.....
Total for contribution works ...	.....	.....	27,006 10 10	16,972 11 10	17,166 13 5	9,839 13 5
Shooting camp ...	.....	.....	11,970 14 8	11,164 6 6	11,164 6 6	806 7 9
Delhi Coronation Durbar ...	.....	.....	15,093 7 8	14,286 0 2	14,286 0 2	809 7 6
Grand Total ...	.....	.....	54,073 0 9	42,423 2 6	42,617 4 1	11,455 12 8

N. B.—Bold figures indicate State grant.

KEDAR NATH MAJUMDAR,
Superintendent of Works, P. W. Deptt.

S.—Statement showing the result of all examinations of students from all educational institutions in the State for the last 2 years.

Class of Examination.	1900-1901.										1901-1902.										1902-1903.										REMARKS.
	No. of candidates.				NUMBER PASSED.			No. of absentees.	No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	NUMBER PASSED.				No. of absentees.	No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	NUMBER PASSED.				No. of absentees.	No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.							
	1st Division.			Total.	2nd Division.	3rd Division.	1st Division.				2nd division.	3rd division.	Total.	1st Division.				2nd Division.	3rd Division.	Total.											
	No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	No. of absentees.					No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	No. of absentees.					No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	No. of absentees.				No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	No. of absentees.	No. of schools that sent up candidates.	No. of candidates.	No. of absentees.					
University Entrance	3	12	2	5	1	8	...	3	17	1	5	3	9	...	3	18	4	2	1	7	...	...	No. of absentees.						
Middle English	2	3	...	...	...	...	...	3	4	1	3	...	4	...	5	7	...	...	...	...	...	...	No. of absentees.
Middle Vernacular	31	65	...	9	10	19	2	22	56	4	12	10	26	...	21	44	...	7	11	18	1	6	No. of absentees.								
Upper Primary	44	110	2	5	19	26	5	56	136	1	7	29	37	5	47	126	8	20	43	71	6	31	No. of absentees.								
Ditto Female	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	1	6	1	3	1	5	...	...	No. of absentees.
Lower Primary	195	369	94	107	...	201	16	204	425	142	86	...	228	46	216	492	126	102	...	238	31	...	No. of absentees.								
Ditto Female	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	1	...	...	1	...	2	2	...	1	...	1	...	...	No. of absentees.		
Sanskrit	4	4	...	...	...	4	..	2	4	...	...	...	3	...	3	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	No. of absentees.
Total	280	564	99	126	30	259	23	291	643	150	113	42	308	51	298	698	139	135	56	230	29	...	No. of absentees.								

BHUBAN MOHAN DUTT,
Inspector of Schools, Cooch Behar.

TABLE T.

Shewing particulars of mortality amongst cases treated as in-patients in the various hospitals in the State.

NAMES OF DISEASES.	SUDDER HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.		DINHATA HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.		MATHABHANGA HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.		MEKILGUNJ HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.		FULBARI HOSPITAL AND DISPENSARY.		TOTAL NO. OF CASES TREATED IN THE DISPENSARIES.		Percentage of deaths 1902-03.	Percentage of deaths 1901-1902.
	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.	Cases.	Deaths.		
Malarial fever, ague and remittent.	64	8	21	1	82	1	6	2	11	2	124	9	8.71	7.54
Cholera ...	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	25.00	50.00
Phthisis ...	19	9	1	1	2	1	...	...	...	...	22	11	50.00	28.57
Dropsy ...	16	1	1	...	...	...	1	1	3	1	21	3	14.28	31.25
Respiratory affections.	12	2	1	...	2	2	1	...	5	...	21	4	19.04	24.18
Dysentery ...	38	11	5	3	4	...	...	...	...	...	47	14	29.78	20.83
Diarrhoea ...	11	3	2	1	1	...	2	2	1	...	17	6	35.29	30.00
Liver diseases.....	4	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	4	1	25.00	...
Spleen ...	18	...	4	1	8	...	1	...	5	...	36	1	2.77	16.66
Abscess, boils and whitlows.	16	1	7	1	...	...	1	...	...	...	24	2	8.33	5.55
Ulcer ...	29	2	4	...	4	...	...	...	5	...	42	2	4.76	...
Other local diseases	88	3	14	2	20	3	3	...	3	...	128	8	6.25	7.46
Injuries ...	28	...	22	1	23	...	20	...	28	...	116	1	0.86	4.79
Poisons and poisoned wounds.	3	...	...	...	...	...	2	2	...	...	5	2	40.00	12.50
Total ...	350	87	82	11	96	7	37	7	56	8	621	65	10.46	11.35

TABLE U.

Shewing the attendance of patients at each of the Hospitals.

HOSPITALS AND DISPENSARIES.		In-patients.	Out-patients.	Total.	Average daily number of in-patients	Average daily number of Out-patients
1902-1903.						
Sudder Dispensary	...	350	8,208	8,558	18.85	61.92
Dinhata "	...	82	3,326	3,408	2.66	29.49
Mathabhanga "	...	96	3,322	3,418	2.67	28.27
Mekligunj "	...	37	2,805	2,842	0.80	14.97
Fulbari "	...	56	1,916	1,972	2.21	10.68
Haldibari "	...	...	3,834	3,834	...	29.00
Shitalkhuchi "	...	...	2,307	2,307	...	35.47
State Jail "	...	90	...	90	2.01	...
Police and Military Hospital	...	178	...	178	4.16	...
Philkhana and Stables	...	...	798	798	...	6.50
Total	...	889	26,316	27,205	30.76	212.57
1901-1902.						
Sudder Dispensary	...	895	7,692	8,087	15.11	53.72
Dinhata "	...	87	3,536	3,623	2.38	34.76
Mathabhanga "	...	101	2,902	3,003	2.70	21.54
Mekligunj "	...	41	3,161	3,202	1.64	16.60
Fulbari "	...	59	2,018	2,077	1.35	12.66
Haldibari "	...	...	3,626	3,626	...	27.87
State Jail "	...	77	...	77	1.43	...
Police and Military Hospital	...	209	...	209	5.64	...
Philkhana and Stables	...	...	753	753	...	6.28
Total	...	969	28,683	29,652	30.25	172.93

STANLAKE JAMES,
Civil Surgeon, Cooch Behar.

TABLE V.

No.	Disease.	Nature of operations.	Results.
1.	Abscess of scrotum ...	... Opened ...	... Cured.
2.	" big side of chest " "
3.	" " Back " "
4.	" " " " "
5.	Necrosis of Tibia ...	... Sequestrotomy ...	... Relieved.
6.	Abscess big of left thigh ...	... Opened ...	... Cured.
7.	" " " " "
8.	Deformity after burn ...	... Plastic operation	... Relieved.
9.	Suppurating Hydrocele ...	... Opened & drained	... Cured.
10.	Suppuration left knee-joint ...	... " " ...	... Unknown.
11.	" " " " " "
12.	Abscess of thigh ...	... Opened ...	... Cured.
13.	Ischio—Rectal abscess " "
14.	" " Fistula " "
15.	Abscess of left thigh ...	... " ...	... Relieved.
16.	Iliac abscess ...	... " ...	... Cured.
17.	Abscess abdominal " "
18.	" Perænal ...	... " ...	... Relieved.
19.	Carris Oscalcis & Austragules left ...	... Scooped out ...	... Discharged otherwise.
20.	Cataract (right)... ...	... Extracted "
21.	Abscess (chest) ...	... Explored ...	... Relieved.
22.	" ...	... Opened ...	... Died
23.	Necrosis of Jaw (lower) ...	... Scraped "
24.	Vesicular calculi ...	... Lateral Lithotomy	... Cured.
25.	Sinus of knee-joint ...	... Scraped & drained	... Relieved.
26.	Compound Fracture of left forearm ...	... Amputation of the upper third of arm.	... Cured.
27.	Carbuncle (Back) ...	... Crucial incision "
28.	Wound knee-joint ...	... Counter opened & drained	... "
29.	Sinuses knee ...	... Laid open ...	... Relieved.
30.	Suppurative Hydrocele ...	... Opened ...	... Unknown.
31.	Overion Tumour ...	... Ovariectomy ...	... Cured.
32.	Cataract (Right) ...	... Extracted "
33.	Abscess big of left flank of chest ...	... Opened ...	... Unknown.
34.	Inflamed knee ...	... Explored ...	... Relieved.
35.	" " " "
36.	Abscess big thigh ...	... Opened ...	... Cured.

STANLAKE JAMES,
Civil Surgeon, Cooch Behar.

TABLE W.—Showing the results of prevalent diseases and the results obtained in their treatment.

DESCRIPTION OF DISEASES.	OUT-DOOR PATIENTS.		IN-DOOR PATIENTS.		RESULT OF TREATMENT OF IN-DOOR PATIENTS.					TOTAL OF OUT AND IN-DOOR PATIENTS.	
	1901-1902.	1902-03.	1901-1902.	1902-03.	Cured.	Relieved.	Discharged otherwise.	Died.	Remain- ing.	Total.	
			1901-1902.	1902-03.						1901-1902.	1902-03.
GENERAL DISEASES.											
Small-pox ...	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Malaria fever, acute and remittent	7,736	6,724	129	124	109	8	5	9	3	124	6,808
Cholera ...	9	.....	4	4	2	.....	.....	1	1	4	4
Rheumatic affections ...	862	948	17	15	7	7	1	.....	.....	15	963
Syphilitic ditto ...	183	189	12	8	4	3	1	.....	.....	8	197
LOCAL DISEASES.											
Gout ...	835	683	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	683
Respiratory affections ...	1,081	1,427	29	21	8	6	2	4	1	21	1,448
Dysentery ...	377	629	43	47	16	9	3	14	.....	47	676
Diarrhoea ...	323	491	10	17	10	1	.....	6	.....	17	508
Worms ...	637	756	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	756
Spleen ...	1,028	1,245	24	86	10	15	3	1	2	36	1,361
Skin diseases ...	2,636	3,902	8	3	1	2	3	2,645

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Civil Surgeon, Cooch Behar.

TABLE X.

Shewing the result of vaccination operations.

				1902-1903.	1901-1902.
Total vaccinated	...	...	...	15,243	18,414
Males	...	...	...	8,890	8,818
Females	...	...	...	6,853	8,596
Christians	...	...	...	18	1
Hindooes	...	...	...	10,890	12,993
Mahomedans	...	...	...	4,728	5,291
Other castes	...	...	...	117	129
Under one year	...	...	...	7,886	7,616
Above one year	...	...	...	7,857	10,798
SUCCESSFUL.	Out of 4 points	4	...	4,887	6,910
		3	...	1,242	1,726
		2	...	747	1,181
		1	...	388	542
	Out of 2 points	2	...	5,336	6,251
		1	...	989	1,111
Unsuccessful	...	...	...	90	227
Unknown	...	...	...	1,614	466
Total successful cases	...	...	...	18,539	17,721
Percentage of do.	...	...	...	88.82	96.28

TABLE Y.

Shewing rate per cent of sex and class treated in the Dispensaries.

	Males.		Females.		Children.		Mahomedans		Hindooes.		Eurasians.		Other castes.		Europeans.	
	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.	1901-1902.	1902-1903.
In-door	80.37	87.76	9.23	9.66	4.33	2.57	32.81	28.98	67.05	70.53	....	....	0.14	0.48	....	....
Out-door	69.70	68.90	10.09	10.73	30.19	20.75	27.81	33.03	71.27	67.19	0.16	0.06	0.69	0.62	0.05	0.08
Average	75.03	78.13	9.66	10.19	12.23	11.66	30.31	30.50	69.16	68.86	0.08	0.03	0.41	0.55	0.02	0.04

TABLE Z.

Shewing average population, sick and death rate of the Jail Hospital.

	1902-1903.	1901-1902.
1. Average population of the Sudder Jail	82.92	80.76
2. Admission on account of sickness	90	73
3. Average sick	2.01	1.48
4. Deaths	2	3
5. Percentage of deaths	2.22	4.10

STANLAKE JAMES,

Civil Surgeon, Cooch Behar.

Financial Statement.

Dispensaries.	Establishment.	Contingent charges.	Travelling allowances.	Postage.	Dist.	Clothing and beddings.	Furniture.	Disposal of the dead.	Cost of stationery purchased and distributed to others.	Total expenditure.	Cost of each dist.	Cost of medicines purchased and distributed to others.	Prescriptions fees.	Sale of medicines.	Sale of bottles.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Sudder Dispensary	5,383 1 2	351 6 4	163 15 6	.....	911 7 1	221 14 3	34 10 3	28 0 0	150 0 0	7,744 7 3	0 2 4 44	3,500 9 6	208 13 6	151 3 3	12 3 0
Dinhata "	774 0 0	68 10 9	8 0 0	3 6 0	130 10 1	.....	38 14 3	8 4 0	.....	1,091 13 9	0 2 2 13	.....	28 12 3	23 15 6	0 4 0
Mathabhanga "	967 0 9	67 12 9	4 0 0	4 1 0	81 7 5	.....	18 12 0	2 0 0	.....	1,145 1 9	0 1 2 08	.....	49 4 9	41 10 0	1 15 6
Mekliganj "	767 13 9	53 2 0	47 12 0	3 6 6	59 5 5	.....	36 11 3	5 0 0	.....	973 3 11	0 3 2 50	.....	19 8 6	8 6 6	0 6 6
Fulbari "	908 11 4	238 6 6	195 4 0	6 7 0	113 12 2	8 2 0	104 15 6	3 0 0	.....	1,578 10 6	0 2 3 33	.....	28 4 9	43 14 6	0 0 6
Haldibari "	1,068 0 0	34 10 6	20 2 0	3 9 0	.....	.....	13 8 0	.....	.....	1,139 12 6	.....	.....	11 3 6	59 11 6	0 3 6
Shtalkhuchi, "	272 4 7	39 12 3	32 15 6	3 2 3	.....	.....	122 12 3	.....	.....	470 14 10	.....	.....	5 6 0	18 11 6	.....
Sudder "	4,332 14 5	310 4 6	9 8 0	.....	859 5 2	139 14 0	13 9 6	28 8 0	.....	5,993 15 7	0 2 5 91	3,283 11 6	288 9 9	238 3 3	15 12 6
Dinhata "	836 0 0	83 9 1	33 9 0	3 2 1	122 1 4	7 10 0	1 0 0	5 4 0	.....	1,092 3 5	0 2 1 40	.....	33 10 6	51 6 0	0 6 0
Mathabhanga "	1,111 4 8	81 15 6	16 0 0	5 12 6	91 7 6	.....	.....	5 0 0	.....	1,311 3 2	0 1 4 45	.....	43 7 3	63 7 9	2 1 6
Mekliganj "	756 0 0	90 12 6	11 8 0	3 15 0	110 14 8	22 1 0	.....	3 0 0	.....	998 3 2	0 2 1 17	.....	.....	23 2 0	.....
Fulbari "	743 3 2	56 8 6	21 8 0	2 12 0	83 0 0	2 0 0	.....	3 0 0	.....	916 15 8	0 2 11 2	.....	15 1 6	51 1 9	.....
Haldibari "	1,068 0 0	28 10 9	.....	3 13 0	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	1,100 7 9	.....	.....	17 3 0	60 7 6	1 3 0

STANLAKE JAMES,

Civil Surgeon, Cooch Behar.

TABLE B1
RAIN FALL.

MONTH.	1872-73.	1873-74.	1874-75.	1875-76.	1876-77.	1877-78.	1878-79.	1879-80.	1880-81.	1881-82.	1882-83.	1883-84.	1884-85.	1885-86.	1886-87.	1887-88.	1888-89.	1889-90.	1890-91.	1891-92.	1892-93.	1893-94.	1894-95.	1895-96.	1896-97.	1897-98.	1898-99.	1899-1900.	1900-1901.	1901-02.	1902-03.	Total.	Average.	REMARKS.	
April	...	3-23	6-20	6-06	4-15	1-42	4-50	3-20	2-25	10-45	4-84	4-10	12-42	15-72	5-18	4-80	1-86	6-84	4-16	5-25	4-32	6-76	125-56	5-83											
May	...	5-26	14-59	27-15	12-48	11-50	17-60	11-63	10-60	7-07	15-93	46-22	7-20	16-20	13-64	18-18	23-39	12-73	8-42	15-23	7-91	16-80	319-73	15-22											
June	...	34-59	25-89	40-29	44-81	23-98	54-25	35-09	27-79	47-90	20-23	29-33	22-10	27-00	13-06	50-44	14-65	39-78	42-54	19-81	30-13	27-64	669-36	31-87											
July	...	10-87	22-20	18-28	30-33	18-78	13-94	21-90	41-47	29-58	27-37	41-05	40-13	6-88	56-16	26-37	23-98	12-81	25-53	27-36	18-89	38-68	552-46	26-30											
August	...	33-40	34-90	20-89	18-28	21-14	21-31	14-38	46-70	45-32	8-02	39-37	17-89	18-36	15-90	5-83	13-33	11-89	22-65	5-58	29-01	28-66	473-41	22-54											
September	...	28-32	28-72	7-04	18-69	32-19	17-52	8-14	16-19	29-86	10-87	12-70	20-00	35-31	14-06	21-21	35-90	37-45	21-99	14-21	14-53	51-46	476-86	22-67											
October	...	16-69	0-20	13-94	3-71	4-64	2-48	1-56	2-50	12-49	1-76	0-33	7-22	10-84	1-51	0-85	6-81	1-81	2-59	1-17	1-40	2-95	97-45	4-64											
November	...	0-41	...	...	...	0-40	...	1-60	0-40	...	...	1-30	0-26	...	...	...	0-05	0-30	...	...	0-63	...	5-25	0-25										
December	0-32	0-15	...	...	...	...	...	...	0-07	...	0-05	...	...	0-33	...	...	...	0-92	0-04											
January	...	0-18	0-33	0-67	...	1-45	0-23	12-62	0-55	0-18	...	0-53	...	...	0-43	...	0-22	0-69	...	0-73	...	0-22	9-03	0-43										
February	...	0-02	0-25	...	0-07	0-15	0-14	2-55	...	1-89	0-40	0-83	0-17	0-03	...	0-26	0-99	0-08	0-15	1-36	...	0-12	9-46	0-46											
March	3-94	4-42	1-33	4-56	3-89	0-15	0-13	2-67	1-27	2-85	0-24	0-36	...	2-45	0-11	2-44	2-59	0-64	4-92	1-92	40-88	1-94											
Total	...	133-03	138-01	138-74	134-17	130-36	136-76	105-82	149-58	187-41	90-89	179-17	127-63	130-77	119-94	130-44	121-29	128-89	130-95	91-94	111-74	175-91	2777-87	122-23											

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FROM
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 DEWAN OF THE COOCH BEHAR STATE.

To
HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA BHUP BAHADUR OF
COOCH BEHAR, IN COUNCIL.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 5th August 1903.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report on the Administration of the Revenue Department of the State for the year 1902-03. As in previous reports, it has been divided into the following six sections:—

- I.—Land Revenue.
- II.—Settlement.
- III.—Excise Revenue.
- IV.—Treasury and Stamp Revenue.
- V.—Offices at the Rajbari.
- VI.—Miscellaneous.

2. I was absent on privilege leave for a month from the 21st October, when the Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar remained in charge of the current duties of my office; as on previous occasions, all important matters were referred to me.

3. The Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj did not submit his report till the 22nd June last, that is, more than a month after the due date. This has caused some delay in the preparation and submission of my report.

SECTION I.—LAND REVENUE.

4. The table given below compares the demands, collections and balances of Land Revenue for the last seven years.

YEAR.	DEMAND.						BALANCE.					REMARKS.
	Bal or current demand.	Backs or arrear demand.			Grand total of demand.	Amount of collections.	Amount written off.	Out of arrear demand.	Out of current demand.	Total.	Amount of excess payment or amount which though not forming part of the demand is inclu ded in the collections.	
Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		
1896-1897	12,07,414	2,03,495	3,180	2,06,675	16,14,089	12,72,820	18,200	82,088	1,45,411	2,27,469	4,829	
1897-1898	12,16,104	2,37,378	3,207	2,40,585	15,46,839	13,37,648	84,370	89,908	1,10,571	1,59,469	4,906	
1898-1899	12,11,843	1,66,845	3,126	1,61,000	14,72,849	13,98,830	15,268	88,081	81,467	69,548	5,821	
1899-1900	12,30,949	67,561	5,494	73,055	13,98,904	12,41,804	22,839	16,839	22,101	37,940	7,989	
1900-1901	12,31,199	37,540	4,011	41,551	13,62,844	12,31,000	7,396	12,854	30,846	23,499	3,036	
1901-1902	12,37,100	33,499	3,359	37,458	12,74,549	12,45,073	4,881	10,319	19,984	30,303	5,179	
1902-1903	12,46,540	30,808	3,495	34,303	12,31,336	12,46,913	7,343	2,027	32,812	31,652	4,571	

5. It is satisfactory to observe that there has been a further net increase in the current demand and that it amounts to Rs. 9,439. Details are shown in statements I and II hereto appended. The gross increase amounted to Rs. 14,643 and the gross decrease to Rs. 5,204. For convenience of reference, the different items of increase and decrease, as shewn in the above statements, are summarised in the following table:—

Particulars.	Increase.	Particulars.	Decrease.	REMARKS.
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of portions of the State.	Rs. 2,118		Rs.	Fractions of rupees are not shewn in the table.
Increase obtained by the settlement of upheaved beds of Julkars and Churlands.	1,897			
Increase obtained by the re-settlement of relinquished jotes, Rs. 813.	4,159	Decrease due to relinquishment of jotes	1,098	
Increase obtained by the settlement of Khas jotes and other lands, Rs. 3,346.	6,221	Decrease due to cancellation of leases of bad jotes, Rs. 789.		
Increase obtained by the settlement of Syrat Mehals	248	Decrease due to reduction on account of diluvion, Rs. 794.	2,155	
Increase due to miscellaneous causes.		Decrease due to taking up of lands for public purposes, Rs. 424.		
Total ...	14,643	Decrease due to miscellaneous causes, Rs. 149.		
		Decrease due to falling off in revenue for Syrat Mehals.	1,736	
		Decrease due to revision of settlement papers.	214	
Deduct decrease ...	5,204	Total ...	5,204	
Net increase ...	9,439			

6. It will be seen that an amount of Rs. 2,118 was entered in the Towji during the year on account of progressive re-settlement increase; it is distributed as follows:—

Re-settled with effect from 1898-99.

Taluk Jari Dharla Nadi in Perguna Dinhata ...	Rs. 103
<i>Re-settled with effect from 1899-1900.</i>	
9 Taluks in Gird Chowra in Perguna Cooch Behar ...	580
Bilat Bishguri in Perguna Tufangunj ...	1,359
Taluk Daikhata in Perguna Mekhlignj ...	76
Total ...	2,118

7. The next item of increase shewn in the foregoing table is the amount of Rs. 1,897 obtained by the settlement of *churs* and the upheaved beds of Julkars in jote right. As stated in my last report, the work connected with these settlements was, under the special orders of Your Highness in Council, made over to the Settlement Department, and the first instalment of increase was the amount of Rs. 5,568 obtained in Pergunas Cooch Behar and Tufangunj and entered in the Towji for 1901-02. A further increase of Rs. 374 was obtained in these two Pergunas during the year under report, which was supplemented by a sum of Rs. 1,523 obtained by the settlement of the *churs* and the upheaved beds of Julkars in Pergunas Dinhata and Lal Bazar. Of this amount Rs. 1,223 represented the increase for Perguna Lal Bazar, and Rs. 552 out of it was for the portion of the Perguna included in Sub-division Dinhata and Rs. 671 for that in Mathabhanga. The above amounts

are the increases actually entered in the Towji; there were other items of increase which were obtained during the year by the Settlement Department, but they could not be shewn in the Towji. The point will be dealt with in the settlement section of this report.

8. The increase obtained by Sub-divisional Naib Ahilkars by the settlement of Khas and relinquished jotes and other Khas lands, amounting to Rs. 4,159, not only covered the decreases due to relinquishments and cancellation of leases of bad jotes, but also those due to diluvion and acquisition of land for public purposes. This shews that the Naib Ahilkars and the Canongoes did what they could to increase the revenue. There was a large increase of Rs. 6,221 in Syrat revenue, and the decrease on that account was Rs. 1,736 only. Owing to development of trade our Hâts and ferries have been increasing in importance. The other items of increase and decrease call for no special remarks.

9. I stated last year how notwithstanding the injurious effects of the earthquake of 1897 in some parts of the State, the revenue had been steadily increasing. The demand for land further increased during the year of report. Several families of Sonthals settled in Rampur and other Taluks in the north-east of Tufangunj, and earnest efforts were made for bringing some land in Phalimari under cultivation. I was very glad to see in the course of my tour that Garad Hât had gained much in importance.

10. The balance at the close of the previous year amounted to Rs. 30,303; to this had to be added Rs. 4,493 on account of settlements, concluded with retrospective effect; the arrear demand actually brought forward in the accounts for the year thus rose to Rs. 34,796, which, however, fell short of the arrear demand for the previous year by Rs. 2,662. But there was an increase of Rs. 9,439 in the current demand, as already stated before, and the total demand rose from Rs 13,74,559 in the previous year to Rs. 13,81,336 in the year of report.

11. The collections amounted to Rs. 13,46,912 against Rs. 13,45,073, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,839. They also exceeded the current demand by Rs. 372 and the revised estimates for the year, as entered in the Budget for the current year, by Rs. 6,712. The result for each Sub-division is shewn in the comparative table given below:—

Name of Sub-division.		DEMAND.			Amount collected.	Percentage of collection on current demand.	Balance.	Percentage of balance on total demand.
		Current.	Arrear.	Total.				
		Rs.	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.		Rs.	
Sudder	1901-02	2,78,126	11,787	2,89,863	2,73,791	100.5	9,740	3
	1902-03	2,79,595	10,850	2,90,445	2,80,185	100.2	8,571	3
Tufangunj	1901-02	1,62,089	5,074	1,67,163	1,61,031	99.3	6,881	4
	1902-03	1,68,508	7,026	1,75,535	1,64,536	100.6	6,490	4
Mekhlignij	1901-02	2,05,597	3,025	2,08,622	2,07,967	101.1	1,828	1
	1902-03	2,06,314	2,089	2,08,403	2,07,794	100.7	1,806	1
Mathabhanga	1901-02	3,85,947	11,416	3,97,363	3,89,952	101.0	7,475	1
	1902-03	3,89,196	7,610	3,96,806	3,88,393	99.7	8,613	2
Dinhata	1901-02	3,05,342	6,206	3,11,548	3,06,382	100.3	4,429	1
	1902-03	3,07,927	7,220	3,15,147	3,06,004	99.3	6,172	2
Total	1901-02	13,37,101	37,458	13,74,559	13,45,073	100.5	30,303	2.1
	1902-03	13,46,540	34,796	13,81,336	13,46,912	100.2	31,652	2.4

12. It will be seen that excepting in Tufangunj, where some improvement is observable, there has been a slight falling off in the percentage of collection, and that in the whole State the percentage has come down from 100.5 to 100.2. The falling off has been the largest in Mathabhanga. The

Naib Ahilkar of that Sub-division explains that this is due to the fact of the Ijardars of some Syrat mehals not having paid in their money on account of the last Kist; greater strictness will have to be shewn towards them. In the case of Dinbata the small decrease in the percentage is due to the excessive rains which flooded the water-logged Taluks in the east. I visited some of these Taluks and found that suspensions and remissions were necessary. It is expected that there will be improvement in the condition of Kalamati and Badalgir when the drain from Shahebgunj to the Dudkumar is completed. The very slight decreases in the Sudder and the Mekhlignj Sub-division call for no special remarks. It will be seen that the percentage of the balance on the total demand in the State is 2.4 only; this is small in a place where the revenue has to be collected from a very large number of Jotedars. For a part of the balance encumbered wards' estates are responsible. There must also be always some other unfortunate cases in which some kindness has to be shown.

13. The details regarding the arrear balance are shewn below :—

		Rs.
<i>Details of the arrear balance shewn at the close of 1901-02.</i>	1. Amount of balance shewn at the close of 1901-02 ...	30,303
	2. Amount collected during 1902-03 ...	19,429
	3. Amount written off during 1902-03 ...	8,090
	4. Balance at the close of 1902-03 ...	7,784
	5. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 4 ...	2,000
<i>Details of the arrear balance entered in the Towji during 1902-03.</i>	6. Amount of balance entered in the Towji during 1902-03...	4,493
	7. Amount collected during 1902-03 ...	1,262
	8. Amount written off during 1902-03 ...	1,978
	9. Balance at the close of 1902-03 ...	1,258
	10. Amount which may prove irrecoverable out of balance shewn against heading 9 ...	...
	11. Total balance or total of figures shewn against headings 4 and 9 ...	9,037
	12. Total amount which may prove irrecoverable out of the total balance shewn against heading 11...	2,000

14. It will be seen that though the total balance for the year has slightly increased, the arrear balance has come down from Rs. 10,319 to Rs. 9,037. Together with the amount of Rs. 5,068 shewn against headings 3 and 8 of the foregoing table, the total remission granted during the year of report was Rs. 7,343, which exceeds that for the previous year by Rs. 2,982. The increase is chiefly due to the grant of remissions for jotes in the water-logged Taluks referred to above.

15. The total number of jotes advertised for sale for the recovery of arrears of revenue and that actually sold during the year under report were 4,984 and 537 against 5,037 and 553, respectively, for the previous year. Of the number sold 69 were redeemed and in 84 cases the sales were annulled for non-payment of $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the purchase-money. There were six cases only in which the sales were annulled for irregularity in the service of processes, and in one case the annulment was sought on the ground of hardship. There were many sales voluntarily brought about by the defaulters themselves. If it be remembered that the total number of revenue-paying jotes is so large as 24,055 and that there are three Kists in the year, the number of sales actually confirmed cannot but be looked upon as small. The amount of penalties realised during the year was Rs. 5,013, out of which Rs. 3,413 was credited to the State.

16. Together with the 188 certificates, which remained to be finally dealt with at the close of the previous year, the total number of certificates under the Public Demands Recovery Act for disposal during the year of report was 963, involving balances of different sorts amounting to Rs. 43,933-7-11. The corres-

pending figures for the previous year were 1,191 and Rs. 47,111-8-5 respectively. The total amount recovered was Rs. 29,235-5-1, of which Rs. 29,179-14-10 was on account of arrears of revenue. The number of certificates which remained to be dealt with at the close of the year was 262.

17. The discrepancies between the amount of collections shewn in the Towji and that credited in the Treasury and entered in the financial accounts are explained in the subjoined table.

		Rs.	As.	P.
Amount of collections shewn in the Towji	...	18,46,912	6	5
Deduct:—				
Excess payments (Fazil) made in previous years which could not be credited in the Cash Book for the year of report	...	5,112	7	11
Balance in hands of collecting officers, which could not be remitted to the Treasury during the year of report	...	4,874	1	8
			9,986	9 7
			18,36,925	12 10
Add:—				
Amount of miscellaneous receipts &c. which could not be credited in the Towji	...	9,821	1	11
Communication Improvement Cess which could not be credited in the Revenue Towji	...	1,919	11	10
Balance in hands of collecting officers which could not be remitted to the Treasury during 1901-1902 but was remitted after the commencement of the year of report	...	1,491	1	8
Amount of revenue for the Tufangunj sub-division paid by Court of Wards at the Sudder which was not credited in the Towji	...	13	8	0
Amount held under suspense owing to non-disposal of a case for reversal of sale...	...	7	5	5
			13,252	12 10
Amount credited in the Treasury Cash Book	...	18,50,178	9	8

18. *Canoongoes*.—There were no changes amongst the Canoongoes during the year under report. Excepting for a period of a month and a half from the 1st June, when he was on privilege leave, 1st grade Canoongoe Babu Hem Chandra Bhattacharjee continued to work in the Sudder, and second grade Canoongoe Munshi Kalimuddin was in Tufangunj. Babus Sasi Bhusan Roy, Mohendra Nath Adhikari and Sham Sunder Bhowmic were employed in Mathabhanga, Dinahata and Mekhlighunj respectively. The Assistant Canoongoe worked in the Sudder Sub-division.

19. The number of cases made over to the Canoongoes for enquiry rose from 1,434 in 1901-02 to 1,626 in the year of report. Under recent orders the Canoongoes have to verify reports regarding emigrations and immigrations received from the Police; each of these reports is treated as a distinct case and registered accordingly. This fact chiefly accounts for the increase. The Canoongoes completed enquiries in 1473 and returned 91 cases without enquiry. 145 cases remained pending at the close of the year. The number enquired into by each Canoongoe is shewn below:—

		No. of cases enquired into.
1.	Munshi Kalimuddin	360
2.	Babu Syam Sunder Bhowmic	337
3.	„ Mohendra Nath Adhikari	234
4.	„ Tarak Chandra Chuckerburtty, Asstt. Canoongoe	203
5.	„ Sasi Bhusun Roy and Munshi Kazemuddin Ahamed, Mapper.	234
6.	„ Hem Chandra Bhattacharjee	105

20. As in the previous year, Munshi Kalimuddin enquired into the largest number of cases; he is still an active and energetic officer and extension of service has been granted to him. I am sorry Babu Hem Chandra Bhattacharjee's health is broken down and he is going to retire from service. He has rendered good service to the State. Another experienced and hard-working officer, Babu Sasi Bhusan Roy, who has completed the 55th year of his age, is also about to retire. Babu Mohendra Nath Adhikari discharged his duties quite satisfactorily; Babu Syam Sunder Bhowmic too worked hard.

21. *Cases.*—The comparative table given below shews the numbers of cases instituted and decided in the Revenue Courts during the last two years.

YEAR.	Pending at the close of the previous year.	Instituted during the year.	Total.	Transferred to other Courts.	Cases remaining to be decided by the Revenue Courts.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1901-1902 ...	684	4,218	4,902	77	4,825	4,190	685
1902-1903 ...	635	4,159	4,794	35	4,759	4,040	719

22. The slight decrease of 59 cases in the institution calls for no remarks. Babu Padma Nath Das, Naib Ahilkar of Tufangunj, had to decide the largest number of cases.

23. *Cases in which the State was a party.*—Babu Nilkanta Chatterjee, M.A., B.L., continued to discharge efficiently the duties of State Pleader. 19 cases were instituted in which the State was a party. Together with the 6 cases pending from the previous year, the total for disposal was 25, of which 13 were decided in our favour and 4 against us. Eight cases remained pending at the close of the year. There was no case of any particular interest.

24. *Nezarat.*—The following table compares the revenue work done by this Department during the last two years :—

* YEAR.	Processes served free of cost.	Processes for realisation of revenue for which fees are to be realised afterwards.	Processes for which fees have been realised	Total number of processes.	Amount of earnings.	Expenditure.
					Rs. A. P.	Rs.
1901-1902 ...	4,465	2,761	5,087	12,313	5,526 0 0	5,822
1902-1903 ...	3,716	2,492	5,113	11,321	5,623 0 0	5,948

25. Owing to a decrease in the number of processes served free of cost, as also in that under processes for recovery of arrears of revenue, the total number of processes served by the Nezarat Department came down from 12,313 in 1901-02 to 11,321 in the year of report. There was, however, an increase of Rs. 97 in the earnings, which fell short of the expenditure by Rs. 319. In my last report I explained how there was deficit at the Sudder. At the same time it is to be remembered that the Nezarat has to perform miscellaneous duties of different sorts and to supply peons for guarding offices and for being in attendance in offices and *Tilases*. Babu Kali Kumar Chatterji, Nazir, has been discharging his duties faithfully.

26. *Communication Improvement Cess.*—Owing to the resumption of a Petbata Mehal the current demand came down from Rs. 1,947 in 1901-1902 to Rs. 1,941 in the year under report. The balance at the close of the previous year amounted to Rs. 95, and the total demand was Rs. 2,036, out of which, together with an excess payment of Rs. 28, Rs. 1,948 was collected and Rs. 6 written off, leaving a balance of Rs. 110.

27. *Miscellaneous work.*—The table given below shows the miscellaneous work done by the Revenue Department during the last two years.

YEAR.	Number of petitions received.	Number of reports on which orders were passed.	Number of Baboos recorded.	Number of notices and other Papers issued.	Number of English letters addressed.	Value of stamps sold.
1901-1902	13,998	9,904	1,119	15,954	12,989	Rs. A. P. 9,951 10 8
1902-1903	14,897	9,864	1,008	14,978	12,199	9,521 4 8

28. There have been some increase in miscellaneous petitions and a decrease in English letters; other fluctuations call for no special notice if we except the small decrease in stamps which is due to decreases in cases and in number of authenticated copies taken from the Mahafezkhana.

29. *Crops and Condition of the people.*—The rainfall registered at the Sudder station was 162·09 inches, which exceeded the quantity for the previous year by so much as 51·35 inches and the average for the past 5 years by 37·13 inches. It was a very heavy fall, in fact heavier than the quantity recorded for any previous year, excepting 1878-79 (194·13 inches), 1890-91 (187·41 inches) and 1892-93 (179·17 inches).

30. Some anxiety was caused as regards the prospect of early rice and jute owing to the absence of rain in January and February. There was an unusually large fall in March and for a time the prospects seemed favourable. But the heavy rains in the latter part of April and in May interfered with the weeding operations. There was also too much rain in June. The out-turn of early rice and jute has been variously estimated; it may be taken to be 11 annas.

31. The heavy rains, which proved injurious to early rice and jute, were very beneficial to late rice. The crop could be grown even on high lands which are ordinarily unfit for it; on the other hand some Haimanti paddy in low lands was injured by the heavy rains. In some places the out-turn was much above the average, and the Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar estimates it at 20 annas in the Sudder; in others again it fell a little below the average. It may safely be taken to be 15 annas.

32. Tobacco was a late crop. The rains in October and November interfered with the preparation of fields, while want of rain in the cold weather affected the growth of the plants; the out-turn could not exceed 9 annas on the whole. The yield of Cheena, Kaon and mustard-seed was about 10 annas.

33. The price of common rice varied from Rs. 2-8 to Rs. 3-6. The rise in the prices of tobacco and jute made up for the short out-turn. The lowest rate at which tobacco was sold was Rs. 5 a maund; the price for good tobacco rose so high as Rs. 14; and there has been further increase since the close of the year. The tobacco market was not so brisk during some previous years. As regards jute the price ranged from Rs. 3-8 to Rs. 5-8. Mustard-seed was sold at Rs. 5 a maund, as in the previous year.

34. I was glad to see during my tours that the condition of the people was prosperous. Their health was generally good.

35. *Emigration.*—In my last report I stated what steps had been taken to secure correct informations regarding this important matter. In accordance with the arrangements sanctioned, the figures obtained by the Police were verified by the Canoongoes. The following figures have been furnished by the Naib Ahilkars:—

Name of Sub-division.	Emigrants.	Immigrants.
Sudder	2	10
Tufangunj	11	45
Mekhligunj	109	89
Mathabanga	362	486
Dinhata	44	46
Total	528	676

36. The above figures may not be accurate; besides they may include persons going from one Sub-division of the State to another. But on the whole there is reason to think that the number of people who have come is larger than that of those who have gone.

37. *Tour.*—I was out on tour for 40 days. I visited the Sub-divisional Stations and inspected the offices of the Naib Ahilkars. I camped at Bamanhat and again saw the Taluks which suffered from defective drainage; from my camp at Shitalkhuchi I could observe how the opening of the Southern Section of the Bengal-Duars Railway had done good to that part of the State. From Bhaishkhuchi I could see how cultivation was extending, and at Haldibari I made enquiries regarding jute trade. I camped at Debiganj also and inspected the office of the Chaklajet Manager. My inspection reports contain all details of work done.

38. The following table shews the period of tour of each Naib Ahilkar and Sub Naib Ahilkar:—

Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee.	{ as Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar as officiating Naib Ahilkar, Mekhliganj	26 days. 30 "
„ Harendra Narayan Chowdhury, offg. Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar		28 "
„ Padma Nath Das, Naib Ahilkar, Tufanganj		54 "
„ Bama Charan Neogi { as offg. Naib Ahilkar, Mekhliganj as Malcutchery Sub-Naib Ahilkar	... ...	60 " 21 "
„ Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	...	66 "
„ Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	...	67 "
„ Pramatha Nath Chatterjee, Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Malcutchery	...	65 "
„ Rajani Kanta Bhowmic, Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata	...	45 "
„ Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, offg. Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga		41 "

39. I am glad all the officers took keen interest in their tours and submitted diaries containing their observations. They inspected all important Hâts and Bunders and tried to keep themselves informed of all that was going on within their jurisdiction. This is very necessary from a revenue point of view in a place where the Khas Tehsil is in force.

40. *Estates under the management of the Court of Wards.*—In my last report I stated how I was satisfied with the manner in which Babu Promoda Ranjan Buxi managed the estate belonging to himself and his mother Ramlata Dehya under the supervision of the Court of Wards. As the greater portion of the debts of the family had been paid off, and the house thus saved from ruin, it was no longer necessary to keep the charge of the estate in our hands. Under the sanction of the Council, therefore, the charge was made over to Babu Promoda Ranjan. On the other hand we had to take charge of a new estate, namely, the one belonging to Harish Chandra Shah. The number of estates under management thus continued to be 16. The following table compares the result of management of these 16 estates for the last two years:—

Year.	Current demand of State revenue and of rents due to superior landlords	Arrear demand of rents due to the estates.	Current demand of rents due to the estates.	Rent collections.	Miscellaneous receipts.	Disbursements including cost of management.	Investments.	Debts on the estates.	Cash in hand.
1901-1902 ...	Rs. 1,09,529	Rs. 1,72,154	Rs. 1,61,484	Rs. 1,63,290	Rs. 70,520	Rs. 2,92,947	Rs. 1,92,867	Rs. 13,091	Rs. 20,208
1902-1903 ...	1,09,506	1,72,389	1,59,465	1,62,288	43,758	1,99,860	1,36,355	12,055	26,894
Estate of Babu Harish Chandra Shah. ...	5,044	3,166	7,255	6,410	840	6,889	1,284	9,411	361

41. We could not obtain the figures for 1901-02 for the new estate of Harish Chandra Shah; the figures for 1902-03 only for this estate are,

therefore, separately shewn. The total figures for the other 15 estates, including the one belonging to Suresh Chandra Mustafi, are shewn in the comparative table for 1901-02 and 1902-03.

42. In the comparative table there is a decrease of Rs. 23 only in the current demand of State revenue and of rent payable to superior landlords; this is due to diluvion and other causes. Owing chiefly to short collections of interest, which is included in the demand, the total of current demand of rents due to the estates came down from Rs. 1,61,484 in 1901-02 to Rs. 1,59,465 during the year of report. The rent collections exceed the current demand in the estates of Babus Kuladwip Narayan Sing, Nalini Kanta Talukdar, Suresh Chandra Mustafi, Rati Deb Buxi, Umamoyi Debya, Majirannessa Bibi and Kumudini Dasya. They exceed those of the previous year only in the cases of the estates of Suresh Chandra Mustafi and Rati Deb Buxi. There is a decrease of Rs. 33,087 in disbursements. The investments increased by Rs. 3,488. The debts on the estates include also the arrears of State revenue. They have come down from Rs. 13,091 to Rs. 12,055 during the year of report.

As regards the estate of Harish Chandra Shah, the rent collections fell short of the current demand by Rs. 845. This estate is deeply involved, and I fear it will be necessary to sell some jotes in order to reduce the debts.

43. I regret Babu Kuladwip Narayan Sing, the holder of the largest estate under the Court of Wards, still continues indifferent to the management of his property. I have noticed much improvement in the conduct of minor Nalini Kanta Talukdar; it has been found necessary to bring him to Cooch Behar and get him admitted into the Jenkins' School. Babu Prasanna Kumar Deb Buxi has been managing satisfactorily the estate left by his father, the late Babu Rati Deb Buxi. The General Manager, Babu Surja Kanta Das, and the Talukdar Estate Manager, Babu Amar Nath Munshi, also discharged their duties faithfully during the year.

44. *Character of officers*—The duties of Malcutchery Naib Ahilkar and Treasury Officer were efficiently performed by Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterji, B.L., Naib Ahilkar. Babu Harendra Narayan Chowdhury, B.L., rendered me valuable assistance in settlement work and also in the Malcutchery. Babus Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., and Hari Nath Basu, B.L., continued to do very good work in Sub-divisions Dinhata and Mathabhanga. Babu Padma Nath Das, B.L., took great interest in the welfare of his new sub-division, Tufangunj. Babu Bama Charan Neogi, Officiating Naib Ahilkar, had to work hard in Mekhlignunj. I was much pleased with the manner in which Sub-Naib Ahilkars Babus Pramatha Nath Chatterji, M.A., B.L., Jagadbullav Biswas, M.A., B.L., and Rajani Kanta Bhowmic, M.A., B.L., did their work. Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghose, officiating Sub-Ahilkar, also discharged his duties satisfactorily. I have again to testify to the zeal and intelligence with which my Head Clerk and Sheristadar Babu Rajani Kanta Ray has been performing his heavy duties.

SECTION II—SETTLEMENT.

45. The charge of the Settlement Department rested with Babu Harendra Narayan Chowdhury, Naib Ahilkar, till the end of June, and then with Babu Jagadbullav Biswas, Sub-Naib Ahilkar, for the remaining portion of the year.

46. The Settlement Department had been engaged from before in the work of settling dried up beds of Julkars and Chur lands. During the year of report the work of revising the settlement of the Paiwasti jotes, the lease of which expired at the close of 1309 or would expire in 1310 and 1311 B. S., was also made over to it under the orders of Your Highness. These jotes, comprising, as they did, newly formed uncultivated lands, were originally settled for a period of 10 years only; it was believed that large portions of them would be brought under cultivation during these years and a revision of settlement would bring in an increase of revenue at the expiration of the period. The resettlement of the time-expired jotes used before to be made by the Sub-divisional Naib Ahilkars with the assistance of the Canoongoes. In December last I found that the lease of so many as 237 jotes, comprising an area of 11,137 Bighas 8 Kattas 19 Dhurs of land, would expire at the close of 1309 and 1310 B. S. (1902-1903 and 1903-04). In order that the work con-

ned with these jotes might be done with greater expedition and the increase realised as soon after the expiration of the period of original settlement as possible I thought that it might advantageously be made over to the Settlement Department. The matter was reported to Your Highness in Council and Your Highness having agreed in the above view, I issued necessary instructions to the Settlement Officer. But while doing so, I found from a study of the figures collected under my orders for the purpose, that the lease of many jotes would also expire at the close of 1311 B. S. and that the Ameens would have to go to the same quarters again after a short time to resurvey them. In order, therefore, to economise expenditure in the long run, I asked the Settlement Officer to take up the above jotes along with those of which the lease would expire at the close of 1309 and 1310 B. S. The work was begun in the last cold weather. 102 jotes, covering an area of 8,623 Bighas of land, were resurveyed, in Pergunas Mekhligunj, Mathabhanga and Lal Bazar up to the close, of March. Details are shown below:—

Name of Perguna.	No. of Jotes.	Area under original survey.	Area under Rakam Charcha survey.	Total area
		Bighas.	Bighas.	Bighas.
Mekhligunj	34	4,578	13	4,591
Mathabhanga	59	3,685	.....	3,685
Lal Bazar	9	347	.....	347
Total	102	8,610	13	8,623

47. It was found that it was not necessary to survey some of the jotes because no changes had taken place in them. The number of jotes which had to be surveyed is, therefore, less than the total of time-expired jotes in the above Pergunas. The land actually surveyed could not be *purtalled* before the close of the year. The field work in the jotes in the other Pergunas will be taken up after the rains.

48. In my last report I stated how the operations connected with the settlement of the dried up beds of Julkars and Chur lands had been extended to Pergunas Mekhligunj and Mathabhanga, and how before the close of 1901-02 the survey of the lands in Perguna Mekhligunj, with the exception of the Churs of the Teesta, had been finished. During the year under report these Churs were surveyed, as also the lands in Perguna Mathabhanga. The area comprised in the Churs was 4,830 Bighas, which, together with the 3,304 Bighas of other lands surveyed in Perguna Mekhligunj in the previous year, makes up a total of 8,134 Bighas in that Perguna. The quantity of land surveyed in Mathabhanga was 8,839 Bighas. The above figures exceed the quantity estimated in the course of the preliminary inspection of the Ameens by 1,515 Bighas in Pergunah Mekhligunj and by 2,232 Bighas in Perguna Mathabhanga. The original estimate for the six Pergunas was 50,891 Bighas. The actual quantity surveyed is 78,260 Bighas, shewing an increase of 27,369 Bighas. This is satisfactory, because an increase in revenue larger than the original estimate will be obtained. Details for each Perguna are shewn in the following table:—

Name of Perguna.	Chur lands.	Dried up beds of Julkars.	Total.	Original estimate.	Increase (+) or decrease (-)
	Bighas.	Bighas.	Bighas.	Bighas.	Bighas.
Cooch Behar	10,395	15,532	25,927	10,042	+ 15,885
Tufangunj	4,741	11,386	16,127	7,936	+ 8,191
Dinhata	4,666	4,956	9,622	14,973	- 5,351
Lal Bazar	6,692	2,912	9,611	4,714	+ 4,897
Mekhligunj	7,989	145	8,134	6,619	+ 1,515
Mathabhanga	4,747	4,092	8,839	6,607	+ 2,232
Total	39,230	39,030	78,260	50,891	+ 27,369

All the lands in Mekhlignunj and Mathabhanga surveyed during the year, were *partially* before its close.

49. The following table shews the progress of the work:—

Name of Perguna.	Total quantity of land surveyed which were under the scope of the operations.	Settlements concluded in previous years.		Settlements concluded during 1901-1902.		Total or total of columns 2 and 3.		Lands included in inliers, drainage channels &c. and are exempted from the operations.	Quantity of land remaining to be dealt with.
		Quantity of land settled.	Juma assessed.	Quantity of land settled.	Juma assessed.	Quantity of land.	Juma.		
Cooch Behar .	25,927	Bs. 16,868	Rs. 4,536	Bs. 1,271	Rs. 169	Bs. 17,639	Rs. 4,705	Bs. 7,831	Bs. 457
Tufangunj .	16,127	6,086	1,379	838	129	6,874	1,508	5,791	8,462
Lal Bazar .	9,611	5,704	1,143	1,240	573	6,944	1,716	1,436	1,281
Dinhata .	9,622	4,821	857	284	124	4,605	981	4,813	204
Total .	61,287	32,429	7,915	3,633	995	36,062	8,910	19,871	5,854
Mekhlignunj .	8,134	.....	.....	948	369	948	369	.....	7,186
Mathabhanga.	8,839	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	8,839
Grand total.	78,260	32,429	7,915	4,581	1,364	37,010	9,279	19,871	21,379

50. The actual settlement of the lands commenced in 1901-1902. It will be seen that the total quantity of land settled and the amount of increase in revenue obtained during the last two years were 37,010 Bighas and Rs. 9,279 respectively. During the year of report the establishment was chiefly engaged in making surveys and preparing papers; the quantity of land actually settled was 4,581 Bighas and the increase obtained Rs. 1,364. The above table shews that only 948 out of 8,134 Bighas of land surveyed in Perguna Mekhlignunj could be settled and that the land in Perguna Mathabhanga entirely remained to be dealt with. The work of testing the classification of the lands surveyed in these two Pergunas could not be completed till long after the setting in of the last cold weather. There were also many objections which it was necessary to dispose of before the lands could be settled.

51. As shewn in the table given above, the Juma assessed on the Chur lands and the upheaved beds of Julkars during the last two years is Rs. 9,279. The increase for the four Pergunas of Cooch Behar, Tufangunj, Dinhata and Lal Bazar was originally estimated at Rs. 7,160, and it was thought that an amount of Rs. 2,500 might be obtained for the remaining two Pergunas of Mekhlignunj and Mathabhanga, or a total of Rs. 9,660 for the whole State. It will be seen that the Juma assessed already nearly equals this amount and that the lands in Mathabhanga and the bulk of those in Mekhlignunj remain yet to be dealt with. Thus the result is expected to be satisfactory.

52. Of the increase assessed by the Settlement Officer, Rs. 5,568 was entered in the Towji of the Revenue Department for 1901-1902 and Rs. 1,897 in that for the last year, or a total of Rs. 7,465 in the two years. The balance will be entered in the Towji of the current year. The lists of Jumas for some of the jotes settled were not received from the Settlement Department till after the close of the last year, and a few lists yet remain to be completed. There was delay in forwarding a list from my office. This matter has been fully gone into.

53. In making the settlements every care has been taken to see that the drainage of the country is not interfered with. Of the 9 Nuddies referred to in paragraph 48 of my last report, the beds of 5 have been wholly left Khas with the above object, and the beds of the remaining two have been only partially settled.

54. Together with the 74 cases pending from the previous year, the Settlement Officer had 599 cases in his file during the last year, of which 304

were disposed of and 295 remained pending. 294 Pattas and as many Kabulyats were prepared and 534 lists of Jumas were completed and sent to the Sub-divisional officers. Outside the programme of its legitimate duties the Department was employed in works connected with the acquisition of land given to the District Board of Rungpore for a road from Chhatnai to Chilahati and also of lands for two drainage-channels in Sub-division Dinhata.

55. The printing of the remaining portion of the Settlement Completion Report was finished during the year. The book will be called "The Cooch Behar State and its Land Revenue Settlements"; besides the index, the table of contents and the supplement, there are 671 pages in it. Printed copies of the maps, plans and photos, to be appended to the book, were not all received till after the close of the year. I have written an introduction, explaining the circumstances under which the work was taken up by Babu Harendra Narayan Chowdhury, and summarising the result of the re-settlement of the State. Steps are being taken to bind the book.

56. Babu Jagadballav Biswas discharged his duties with great zeal and intelligence. He has already acquired much experience as a settlement officer.

SECTION III.—EXCISE REVENUE.

57. I explained in my last report how there was a large decrease in the settlement of Excise shops for 1902-03 concluded in February 1902. The current demand of Excise revenue came down from Rs. 1,15,374 in 1901-02 to Rs. 1,04,059, shewing a decrease of Rs. 11,315. It is satisfactory, however, that there was a spirit of keen rivalry amongst the Abkars when the settlement for the current year was made in February 1903, and the annual demand on account of license-fees increased by more than Rs. 9,000. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 14, the total demand for the year of report was Rs. 1,04,073, of which Rs. 1,04,059 was collected. The collections fell short of those for the previous year by Rs. 11,296, but exceeded the average collections for the five previous years by Rs. 12,639. No remissions had to be granted during the year, and the balance at its close amounted to Rs. 14 only. Details are shewn in the statement hereto appended.

58. The result of collections in the different Sub-divisions for the last 2 years are compared in the following table:—

Name of Sub-division.	Total of current and arrear demands for 1902-1903.	Total collection for 1902-1903.	Total collection for 1901-1902.
	Rs.	Rs.	Rs.
Sudder	37,532	37,532	40,372
Tufanguj	15,147	15,433	15,282
Mekhligunj	14,648	14,648	18,238
Matlabhanga	17,735	17,735	19,680
Dinhata	18,708	18,708	21,783
Total	1,04,073	1,04,059	1,15,355

59. It will be seen that excepting in Tufanguj, where there has been a slight increase of Rs. 151, the collections fell off in every Sub-division. This has been due to decrease in the demand, as explained above. The variations under the different heads are explained below.

Country Spirit.—Decrease Rs. 8,031-10. It was due to settlements concluded at reduced Jumas.

Imported spirit.—Decrease Rs. 127-3-6. There was a decrease of 276½ bottles in consumption, which accounts for the falling off in revenue. There are shops for the sale of imported spirits at Cooch Behar, Mekhligunj and Haldibari. At Cooch Behar there was an increase of consumption to the extent of 50½ bottles, but there was a large decrease at Mekhligunj, which the

Naib Ahilkar attributes to the falling off in the number of Burmese tobacco-merchants. The importance of Mekhlignj has decreased owing to the opening of the Southern Section of the Bengal-Duars Railway which passes by Changrabanda.

Ganja.—Owing to decrease in Jumas at which settlements were made, there was a decrease of Rs. 3,082 in the license-fees. The condition of the people being good, there was an increase of 9 maunds 30 seers 12 chuttacks in consumption, which resulted in an increase of Rs. 1,681-11-6 in the amount of duty realised for the drug. There was thus a net decrease of Rs. 1,400-4-6 only.

Opium.—There was a decrease of Rs. 796-4 under this head, of which Rs. 620 was on account of duty. The decrease may be chiefly attributed to greater vigilance on the part of the Jalpaiguri authorities in preventing people of that district from making purchases from our shops near the frontier.

60. The total number of cases relating to breach of Excise laws was 13 against 11 of the previous year. Excepting only one, all the cases ended in conviction. There was no smuggling case of any great importance.

61. All the Naib Ahilkars continued to take interest in Excise work.

SECTION IV.—TREASURY AND STAMP REVENUE.

62. Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterjee was in charge of the Treasury from the beginning of the year to the end of June and again from the 24th of December to the 4th of March, when owing to illness he had to take leave for 2 months. On both the occasions Babu Harendra Narayan Chowdhury acted for him.

63. The year opened with a cash balance of Rs. 7,69,552-14-2, of which Rs. 4,70,769-12-9 belonged to the State; Rs. 1,46,759-12-4 appertained to funds and deposits and the remainder Rs. 1,52,023-5-1 was the Government cash balance. The closing balance amounted to Rs. 7,89,687-9-9 and is made up of—

	Rs.	A.	P.
State money	5,68,914	7	1
Government of Bengal balance	58,490	0	4
Funds and Deposits	1,62,283	2	4

The closing State balance was thus better than the opening balance by Rs. 98,144-10-4.

64. The total receipts for the year amounted to Rs. 28,77,661-7-8 and the disbursements to Rs. 28,57,526-12-1 against Rs. 30,55,719-14-1 and Rs. 30,26,814-4-7, respectively, for the previous year, shewing decreases both under receipts and disbursements. The decrease on the credit side is mainly due to decrease in receipts of Government money and that on the debit side to decrease in disbursements on account of Government Railway, Advances and Railway Capital Account. The value of currency notes received in the Treasury rose from Rs. 13,21,665 in 1901-02 to Rs. 14,49,425 in the year of report and that of notes issued from Rs. 12,62,465 to Rs. 14,30,425. There was also an increase from Rs. 3,59,778 to Rs. 6,04,747 in Government remittances made by the Treasury.

65. The Stamp laws, which were in force in the State, were enacted during the time of Maharaja Narendra Narayan. It was found they were defective in several respects, and we had to adopt different provisions of the law in force in British India for curing these defects. The subject of passing a new law was considered for a long time and a Bill was drawn up on the lines of the Indian Stamp Act I of 1879 and the Court Fees Act VII of 1870 and duly published in the official gazette. During the year under report the Bill was passed into Law (Act I of 1903). The new law has introduced changes in the values of both Judicial and Documentary stamps; one of its chief features is the adoption in the State of the provision in the Government law about the use of adhesive stamps for receipts. The Council, like the High Court

in the Government Act, have been empowered to make rules relating to fees chargeable for service of processes. The new Act came into force from the beginning of the current year. Before the close of the last year, the Treasury Officer had to manufacture stamps required under the Act and arrange to supply them to the vendors. We had no design for adhesive stamps, and it was proposed to have one made by Messrs. Thacker, Spink & Co. of Calcutta. As a temporary measure, I had a design made in the Press here with the approval of Your Highness. Since the close of the year Your Highness has ordered our supplies of adhesive stamps to be obtained from the above firm, which is to manufacture them in accordance with a design already approved of by yourself. The existing dies for Judicial, Documentary and Court-fee stamps being worn out, new dies have been ordered to be made in England through Messrs Thacker, Spink & Co.; moveable types for the new denominations will also be made. I derived very great assistance from Babu Harendra Narayan Chowdhury in connection with the introduction of the changes sanctioned by the new law.

66. The total value of stamps of all denominations sold during the year under report amounted to Rs. 1,49,292 against Rs. 1,44,694-4 shewing an increase of Rs. 4,597-12-0. Rs. 4,393-1-6 was paid as discount to vendors; the net amount credited to the State was, therefore, Rs. 1,44,898-14-6. Details are shewn in the statement hereto appended.

67. The following table shews the variations under the different sorts of stamps :—

Particulars.	Receipts.		Difference.		Remarks.
	1901-02.	1902-03.	Increase.	Decrease.	
	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	Rs. A.	
Judicial stamps ...	32,608 0	36,156 8	3,548 8	.....
Documentary „ ...	30,657 8	31,952 8	1,295 0	.....
Court-fee „ ...	26,681 4	26,401 12	.....	229 8	
Copying-fee „ ...	3,575 0	3,443 12	.....	131 4	
Cartridge paper ...	1,037 8	1,014 8	.....	23 0	
Adhesive stamps ...	.....	32 0	32 0	.....
Total ...	1,44,509 4	1,49,001 0	4,875 8	383 12	
Miscellaneous receipts	185 0	291 0	106 0	.....
Grand Total ...	1,44,694 4	1,49,292 0	4,981 8	383 12	Net increase Rs. 4,597-12-0

It will be observed that there was an increase of Rs. 3,548-8-0 in Judicial stamps. This is due to the increase in institution of suits towards the end of the year. The rates for stamps for plaints have been increased in the new Act; people, therefore, wanted to avail themselves of the old law as far as they could. There could be no corresponding increase in Court-fee stamps, as the processes in most of the cases instituted towards the end of the year, could not be issued till after its close. The increase in Documentary stamps is not large, and no special reason can be assigned for it.

68. I do not think there will be much increase in litigation. The rates of stamps have been increased in some cases in the new law; but on the other hand there have been decreases in other cases. The use of stamps for receipts may bring in some increase. It is not yet possible to say definitely how the stamp revenue will be affected by the new law. But it is hoped there will be no decrease owing to the change in the law.

69. The value of ordinary Government postage stamps and envelopes and of service labels sold in the Treasury amounted to Rs. 17,171-4-9 and Rs. 3,123-7 against Rs. 17,895 and Rs. 3,407, respectively, for the previous year.

70. Babus Gopal Chandra Chatterjee and Harendra Narayan Chowdhury discharged satisfactorily their duties as Treasury Officer. Babus Rajani Kanta Chuckerbutty, B. A., Accountant, and Basanta Kumar Ray, Treasurer, have been very favorably reported upon; they are both trustworthy officers.

SECTION V.—OFFICES AT THE RAJBARI.

71. Babu Chandra Kamal Lahiri, Duar Mukhtear, was in charge of the Duar and Dharmadhakhya offices throughout the year, excepting during the period the offices remained closed on account of the festivities connected with the Coronation of Their Majesties King Edward VII, Emperor of India, and Queen Alexandra, when he was on casual leave and Babu Prasanna Kumar Deb, Duar Buxi, remained in charge.

72. The amount disbursed by the Duar Office on account of allowances and other charges during the year under report was Rs. 97,859 against Rs. 95,371 for the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 2,488, which was chiefly due to certain expenses incurred by the Duar Mukhtear on account of the Coronation festivities and the Pooneah. In the Dharmadhakhya Department the expenditure amounted to Rs. 34,451, shewing, as compared with the previous year, a decrease of Rs. 1,057, which was due to general savings.

73. The number of poor students who received allowances from the Duar Office for their education was 42, of whom 23 were natives of Cooch Behar. Rabindra Sing Kumar, who was studying at the Veterinary College, passed the final examination there and has since been placed in charge of the Veterinary Hospital at Cooch Behar. One of our stipendiaries, Moti Lal Barua, has lately passed the B.A. Examination from the local Victoria College and has stood first amongst the successful students. He is a resident of the Chaklajat Estates.

74. Your Highness left Cooch Behar for England to take part in the Coronation festivities there on the 26th April, and after returning to the capital on the 8th December left for the Delhi Coronation Durbar on the 14th idem. Your Highness was back at Cooch Behar on the 6th February. Her Highness the Maharani, C.I., returned here on the 18th idem. Maharajkumars Raj Rajendra Narayan and Victor Nityendra Narayan returned from England with Your Highness.

75. The most important event was the celebration of the Coronation of Their Majesties King Edward VII, Emperor of India, and Queen Alexandra. Under Your Highness' orders a Durbar, at which I had the honor to preside, was held at the Palace on the 1st January, the date fixed for the celebration in India. The Imperial Proclamation, as also the one issued by Your Highness for the occasion, were read and the event was marked by charities and festive rejoicings all over the State. The chief feature of the rejoicings was the entertainment of school children. The Inspector of Schools estimates the total number entertained at 20,000. There were, besides, more than 450 students belonging to the Victoria College and the Jenkins' School who were also entertained.

76. It is much to be regretted that the health of the Rajmata Deo Aye Debati has not been good for some time.

77. The Ayurvedic Dispensary continued to do much useful work. The average daily attendance of patients was about 30.

78. The Pooneah Durbar was held on the 23rd April. All the periodical Pujas were duly performed and the Rash festival, which was celebrated with the usual pomp, attracted a large number of people to the town. The total number of the persons fed at the Dharmasala during the year of report was 6,890 and on an average 59 poor people received food at the Thakurbari.

79. Babu Chandra Kamal Lahiry, Duar Mukhtear, performed his duties satisfactorily.

SECTION VI.—MISCELLANEOUS.

80. *Benares*.—The charge of the office of the State Agent continued to rest with Babu Syama Charan Sanyal. During the year under report he disbursed Rs. 11,971 on account of allowances of ladies of the Palace and other persons residing in Benares and of maintenance of the Thakurbari there. The corresponding figure for the previous year was Rs. 12,369. The decrease was chiefly due to decrease in the expenditure for the Kali Bari caused by the falling off in the prices of food-grains. The work connected with the improvement of the Hawakhanah building was expedited as much as possible with the additional grant of Rs. 700 sanctioned by Your Highness. A similar grant has been made for this year.

81. *Bunders*.—The number of jute carts which came to the Haldibari Bunder during the year, was 68,755 against 67,542 of the previous year, shewing an increase of 1,213 carts. Taking the average load per cart at 10 maunds, the total quantity imported to the Bunder may be estimated at 6,87,550 maunds. There was, besides, a large quantity of jute which was brought by rail by some of the European firms from other places and taken direct to their premises. For this jute we could not get any toll. The Council were pleased to sanction during the year the imposition of a tax similar to that levied on jute carts, on carts bringing molasses, tobacco, bamboo-mats &c. The total number of such carts was 750 and the amount of tolls levied on all sorts of carts was Rs. 8,688-2 against Rs. 8,442-12, shewing an increase of Rs. 2-5-6-0. A small amount of Rs. 6-7-6 was also credited as miscellaneous receipts. Deducting the cost of establishment at the Haldibari Tehsil Cutchery, amounting to Rs. 1,467-4-11, the net gain to the State was Rs. 7,220-13-1. I visited Haldibari in March; it was much in the same condition as in the previous year. The failure of a European firm had caused a sort of panic; this firm owed more than Rs. 55,000 to banker Babu Bridhi Ram of Haldibari and also a large sum to the Shaldanga Marwaree Mahajans. Messrs. Ralli Brothers were anxious to extend their business, and it seemed as if in time they and Messrs. Brikmyre Brothers and Landale Clark & Co. would secure the whole jute traffic. Messrs. Ralli Brothers wanted a perpetual lease for their land, but this request could not be granted. The Bunder at Changrabanda is growing in importance owing not only to the opening of the railway, but also to the decline of the Barneshat Bunder in Jalpaiguri, and I have had applications for land from Messrs. Apar & Co and others. At the Calicagunj Bunder in Mathabhanga the quantities of tobacco and jute exported were 65,800 and 11,714 maunds against 57,876 and 11,258 maunds, respectively, and at Chowrahat in Dinhat I found in December that the total quantity of jute purchased by the Mahajans there were estimated at about a lac of maunds, which were valued at Rs. 5,37,000. There were, besides, tobacco and other articles imported to the Bunder, which were valued at about 2 lacs of rupees. The opening of the Dhubri Section of the Eastern Bengal State Railway has not yet injuriously affected Chowrahat, and it does not yet appear that there will be a big Bunder at Bamanhat on that section. The jute from the south, which comes to Bamanhat, has a bad name. At Dewanhat the firm of Sova Chand Jitmal is flourishing; its purchases amounted to about 16,000 maunds. It has got a pressing-machine which is worked by natives of Cooch Behar. In the course of my tour in Sub-division Tufan-guuj, I was glad to find that cultivation had extended on every side near Garaderhat and the Hat itself was much larger than it used to be. Bakshirhat is increasing in size and improvements are being made there.

The Town Committees at Dinhat, Mathabhanga and Haldibari have been taking great interest in their work.

82. *Fairs*.—The fairs at Haldibari, Dinhat and Fulbari and the Gadadhar Mela were held on due dates. The collection of tolls at the Haldibari fair amounted to Rs. 1,639-3 against Rs. 1,324-5-3 and those at the Dinhat and the Fulbari fair to Rs. 1,595-0-6 and Rs. 331-1-9 against Rs. 938-11-6 and Rs. 248-14-3, respectively, of the previous year. The amount of tolls collected at the Gadadhar fair rose from Rs. 243 in the previous to Rs. 269 in the last year. It will be seen there were increases everywhere.

83. *Grazing of buffaloes and other cattle.*—The amount of tolls levied on buffaloes and other cattle grazing in parts of Sub-division Tufangunj during the year, was Rs. 761-12-0 against Rs. 740 of the previous year.

84. *Cooch Behar Town.*—The current demand of Land Revenue, inclusive of tolls collected at the daily market, amounted to Rs. 16,624 against Rs. 16,272 of the previous year, shewing an increase of Rs. 352, which was due partly to increase in collection of tolls and partly to new settlements. Together with an arrear demand of Rs. 2,392, the total demand was Rs. 19,016, of which Rs. 16,778 against Rs. 16,509 of the previous year was collected, and Rs. 409 was remitted. The balance at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 1,932.

85. *Use of Fly-shuttle Loom.*—With the object of teaching the weavers the use of this loom, I bought one of Messrs. Satish Chandra Ghosh & Co. of Chinsurah and obtained the services of a trained weaver from the firm for the purpose. As the number of weavers is larger in Sub-division Mekhlighunj than anywhere else, I sent the loom and the trained weaver to the Naib Ahilkar there, and arrangements were made to give instructions to some of the weavers. I saw the work which was being done on the occasion of my visit to Mekhlighunj, and was sorry the people were not as eager to learn as we were to teach.

86. *Cooch Behar Mutual Provident Fund.*—The Fund continued to work satisfactorily. The assets at the close of the year amounted to Rs. 8,366-7-1, of which Rs. 7,000 was invested in Government securities and Rs. 667-15-1 in the Post Office Savings Bank. The liabilities amounted to Rs. 12-9-6 only.

I have the honor to be,

YOUR HIGHNESS' most obedient and humble servant,

CALICA DOSS DUTT,

Dewan of Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT NO. I.—Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Mál) for the year 1902-1903.

Name of Mohal.	DEMANDS.		COLLECTIONS.		REMISSIONS.		BALANCES.		PAID IN EXCESS.	
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	Present year.	Previous year.
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Excess permanently settled or Mofussil Mohals..	7,323 2 1	.....	7,323 2 1	7,423 2 5	.....	7,423 2 5	.....	.....	100 0 4	.....
Excess not permanently settled ..	11,53,965 7 3	24,210 11 3	11,77,906 2 6	11,43,323 14 3	13,270 12 8	11,56,594 10 11	1,924 5 3	2,533 6 4	11,329 5 2	7,412 1 11
TOTAL ..	11,60,618 9 4	24,210 11 3	11,84,829 4 7	11,50,717 0 8	13,270 12 8	11,64,017 13 4	1,924 5 3	2,533 6 4	11,329 5 2	7,412 1 11
Syrat Mohals ..	74,756 5 0	5,293 15 9	80,656 4 9	68,060 10 7	4,301 1 2	70,961 11 9	328 0 0	272 2 0	8,012 6 6	725 12 7
GRAND TOTAL ..	12,35,374 14 4	30,109 11 0	12,65,484 9 4	12,16,807 11 3	18,171 13 10	12,34,978 9 1	2,252 5 3	3,310 8 4	20,541 11 8	8,137 14 6

EXPLANATIONS:

(a).—The current demand for the year is Rs. 12,35,374-14-4 against Rs. 12,36,374-9-7 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Rs. 13,671-9-2 and the decrease to Rs. 4,671-4-9. There is thus a net increase of Rs. 9,000-4-9. Details are given below:—

INCREASE.

Progressive increase obtained by the re-settlement of portions of the State
Increase due to settlement of Khas and Mofussil lands in Jote right
Increase due to settlement of Khas and Mofussil lands in Jote right
Ditto due to re-settlement of Syrat Mohals on favorable Jammas
Ditto due to assessment at full rates of Jotes before held at half rates

*Total ..

(b).—Total balances shown at the close of the previous year
Amounts brought forward in this statement
Net increase due to settlements with retrospective effect

(c).—The total collections include excess payments, which form no part of the demand. These payments should therefore be deducted from the collections in order to strike the balance correctly.

(d). Vide Council Office No. 497 dated July 2nd, 1903.

DECREASE.

Decrease due to Jotes relinquished

Ditto reduction of jummas for various reasons as explained in the statements of reductions and remissions

Ditto to Jotes made Khas under Section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act

Ditto to double settlement in Talook Teesta Nadir Payasi

Ditto to assessment at half rates of Jotes held at full rates before

Ditto re-settlement of Syrat Mohals at reduced Jummas ..

TOTAL ..

Rs.	A.	P.
2,980	2	2
5,700	14	8
5,791	9	0
216	9	1
13,671	9	2
35,709	6	1
30,109	11	0
4,400	4	11

Rs.	A.	P.
894	6	7
1,603	3	3
443	13	0
86	10	10
137	1	3
1,487	3	6
4,671	4	9

CALICA DOSS DUTT,
Deewan of Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. II.—Statement of Demands, Collections and Balances of Land Revenue (Debutter) for the year 1902-1903.

NAME OF MCHAL.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			REMISSIONS.			BALANCES.			PAID IN EXCESS.		
	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.	Present year.	Previous year.	TOTAL.
	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.	Ra. A. P.
Estates permanently settled or Mokarari Mchals.	36 9 4	.....	36 9 4	39 9 4	.....	39 9 4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	3 0 0	.....	3 0 0
Estates not permanently settled ..	1,07,389 11 5	4,436 7 8	1,11,825 3 1	1,06,261 4 3	2,370 4 9	1,08,631 9 0	12 2 8	1,367 14 6	1,280 1 1	1,428 14 4	898 5 1	2,327 3 5	312 9 10	0 0 7	312 10 5
TOTAL ..	1,07,426 4 9	4,436 7 8	1,11,862 12 5	1,06,300 13 7	2,370 4 9	1,08,671 2 4	12 2 8	1,367 14 5	1,280 1 1	1,428 14 4	898 5 1	2,327 3 6	315 9 10	0 0 7	315 10 5
Syrat Mchals ..	2,739 0 0	249 12 0	3,988 12 0	3,112 15 0	243 12 0	3,355 11 0	.....	.....	.....	643 11 0	1 0 0	644 11 0	17 10 0	.....	17 10 0
GRAND TOTAL ..	1,11,165 4 9	4,686 3 8	1,15,851 8 5	1,09,413 12 7	2,613 0 9	1,12,025 13 4	12 2 8	1,367 14 5	1,280 1 1	2,072 9 4	899 5 1	2,971 14 5	333 3 10	0 0 7	333 4 5

EXPLANATIONS:

(a) The current demand for the year is Ra. 1,11,054-9 against Ra. 1,10,726-2-4 of the previous year. The gross increase amounts to Ra. 328-10-7. The net increase is thus Ra. 439-2-5. Details are given below:—

INCREASE.

	Ra. A. P.
Progressive increase obtained by the re-settlement of portions of the State	37 12 7
Increase due to settlement of Khagad relinquished jotes	488 7 6
Ditto re-settlement of Syrat Mchals	430 0 0
Ditto settlement of up-leaved beds of Jolkari and Chur lands	13 13 2
Ditto settlement of a time-expired Mokarari Jote	31 9 9
Total ..	971 13 0

(b) Total balance, shown at the close of previous year

Arrears brought forward in this statement ..	4,593 15 0
Net increase due to settlements with retrospective effect	4,086 3 8
Total ..	93 4 8

(c) The total collections include excess payments, which form no part of the demand. These payments should, therefore, be deducted in order to strike the balance correctly.

(d) For General Office No. 37 of the 2nd July 1903.

DECREASE.

	Ra. A. P.
Decrease on account of jotes relinquished	172 1 5
Ditto due to reduction of jumma for reasons explained in the statements of reductions and remissions..	108 7 0
Ditto due to jotes made khas under Section 19 of the Revenue Sale Act	2 10 5
Ditto due to re-settlement of Syrat Mchals	250 7 8
Total ..	533 10 7

CALICA DOSS DUTT,
Deputy of Cashier, Dehra.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. III.—Statement of Demands, Collections, Remissions and Balances of Excise Revenue for the year 1902-1902.

EXCISABLE ARTICLES.	DEMANDS.			COLLECTIONS.			BALANCES.			
	Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Current.	Arrear.	Total.	Remissions.	Current.	Arrear.	Total.
Tax on Out-still shops of country spirit	Rs. A. P. 41,900 8 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 41,900 8 0	Rs. A. P. 41,900 8 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P. 41,900 8 0	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
License-fees of imported liquor shops ...	288 0 0	.....	288 0 0	288 0 0	.....	288 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Gauja ...	24,105 6 3	.....	24,105 6 3	24,105 6 3	.....	24,105 6 3	.....	.....	.....	.....
License-fees of Gauja shops ...	19,885 0 0	14 0 0	19,899 0 0	19,885 0 0	.....	19,885 0 0	.....	.....	12 0 0	14 0 0
Ditto of Opium shops ..	3,719 4 0	.....	3,719 4 0	3,719 4 0	.....	3,719 4 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on Opium ...	12,462 0 0	.....	12,462 0 0	12,462 0 0	.....	12,462 0 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Duty on imported spirits ...	1,356 12 0	.....	1,356 12 0	1,356 12 0	.....	1,356 12 0	.....	.....	.....	.....
Miscellaneous collections ...	342 8 9	.....	342 8 9	342 8 9	.....	342 8 9	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total ...	1,04,059 7 0	14 0 0	1,04,073 7 0	1,04,059 7 0	.....	1,04,059 7 0	.....	.....	14 0 0	14 6 0

CALICA Doss Dutt,

Deewan of Cooch Behar.

REVENUE STATEMENT No. IV.—Statement shewing the Stamp Revenue credited to account during the year ending the 31st March 1903.

From whence received.	JUDICIAL STAMPS.		DOCUMENTARY STAMPS.		GOVT. P&R STAMPS.		Duty on un- used stamp paper.	Fines and penalties.	Gross total stamp.	Discount allowed vendors.	Net Total of stamps.	Adhesive stamp. Discount allow- ed to vendors.	Net total of Ad- hesive stamp.	Carriage stamp paper.	Discount allowed vendors.	Net total of stamp paper.	Gross total of stamps including Car- riage paper.	Net total of stamps including Car- riage paper.
	Re.	A. P.	Re.	A. P.	Re.	A. P.	Re.	A. P.	Re.	A. P.	Re.	A. P.	Re.	A. P.	Re.	A. P.	Re.	A. P.
Sudder Office	31,325 0 0	2,311 8 0	7,475 0 0	90 0 0	8,390 0 0	1 12 0	1,475 0 0	119 12 0	52,122 12 0	1,455 12 0	50,667 0 0	32 2	30	413 8 0	25 13 6	387 10 6	52,568 4 0	51,064 10 6
Mahabubnagar	20,825 0 0	98 0 0	8,375 0 0	.....	6,450 0 0	.....	863 8 0	0 8 0	26,216 0 0	1,096 6 0	25,220 10 0	.....	..	178 0 0	10 15 0	164 1 0	26,491 0 0	25,320 11 0
Dindhalu	14,576 0 0	93 0 0	7,712 8 0	.....	8,737 8 0	.....	637 8 0	.....	28,755 8 0	839 14 0	27,916 10 0	.....	..	228 0 0	14 1 0	210 15 0	28,380 8 0	28,106 9 0
Makligumji	10,539 0 0	70 0 0	5,637 8 0	.....	3,737 8 0	.....	321 4 0	1 0 0	20,467 4 0	609 3 0	19,858 1 0	.....	..	103 8 0	6 7 6	97 0 6	20,570 12 0	19,839 1 6
Yessangunj	5,575 0 0	34 0 0	2,662 8 0	.....	2,175 0 0	.....	137 8 0	.....	10,594 0 0	316 8 0	10,277 8 0	.....	..	97 8 0	6 1 6	91 6 6	10,681 8 0	10,383 14 6
Total	82,340 0 0	3,806 8 0	31,662 8 0	90 0 0	26,400 0 0	1 12 0	3,443 12 0	121 4 0	1,46,245 8 0	4,327 11 0	1,45,917 13 0	32 2	30	1,014 8 0	63 6 6	961 1 6	1,49,392 0 0	1,44,898 14 6

CALICA DOSS DUTT,

Devan of Cook Behar.

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FROM

BABU PRIYANATH DATTA, M.A., B.L.,

Civil and Sessions Judge, Cooch Behar.

To

THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL,
COOCH BEHAR.*Dated, Cooch Behar, the 6th July 1903.*

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Annual Report on the Administration of the Civil Justice in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903 to which are annexed the Annual Statements No. I to XI.

2. I was in charge of the office of Civil and Sessions Judge throughout the year.

The following table shows the changes in the subordinate Judicial posts:—

Sub-divisions.	Names of officers.	Terms of employment.
Sudder ...	Babu Raj Krishna Das, L.C.M., Assistant Civil Judge.	From the 1st of April 1902 to the 31st of March 1903.
" ...	" Satis Chandra Mustaf, Sudder Rent Suit Officer.	Ditto. ditto.
Toofaangunj ...	" Padma Nath Das, B.L., Naib Ahlikar.	Ditto. ditto.
Dinhata ...	" Ashutoah Ghosh, B.L., Naib Ahlikar.	Ditto. ditto.
" ...	" Rajani Kanta Bhattachick, M.A.B.L., Sub-Naib Ahlikar.	Ditto. ditto.
Mathabhanga ...	" Hari Nath Basu, B.L., Naib Ahlikar.	Ditto. ditto.
" ...	" Naradinda Chandra Ghosh, M.A. B.L., Sub-Naib Ahlikar.	From the 1st of April to the 10th of November 1902 and from the 11th of December 1902 to the 31st of March 1903.
Mekligunj ...	" Bama Charan Neogi, B.L., Naib Ahlikar.	From the 1st of April to the 3rd of July 1902 and from the 15th of December 1902 to the 31st of March 1903.
" ...	" Gopal Chandra Chatterji, B.L., Naib Ahlikar.	From the 4th of July to the 14th of December 1902.

3. The original suits instituted during the last four years are shown below:—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits up to Rs- 50 and Rs- 20.	Total.
1899-1900 ...	2,254	5,351	1,744	9,349
1900-01 ...	1,949	3,765	1,468	7,182
1901-02 ...	1,501	3,882	1,194	6,577
1902-03 ...	1,680	4,767	1,331	7,778

It will be observed from the above that the number of institutions during the year under report was 7,778 against 6,577 of the previous year. The increase is mainly due to the introduction from the 1st of April 1903 of the new Stamp Act (I of 1903) prescribing increased duties for plaints.

Details of increase and decrease in the institutions.

4. The table given below shows the increase and decrease in the institutions in the several Civil and Rent courts of the State.

COURTS.	CIVIL SUITS.		RENT SUITS.	
	Increase.	Decrease.	Increase.	Decrease.
Civil Judge ...	4	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge ...	57	.....	199	.....
Sudder Rent Suit Officer ...	.....	.....	.....	3
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj ...	15	.....	.....	10
Naib Ahilkar, Dinhat ...	69	.....	195	.....
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Dinhat ...	7	.....	.....	7
Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	67	.....	295	.....
Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga ...	2	.....	.....	9
Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj ...	95	.....	225	.....
Total ...	316	.....	914	29

Civil suits increased in the courts of the Civil and Sessions Judge, the Assistant Civil Judge, the Naib Ahilkars of Toofangunj, Dinhat, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj, and the Sub-Naib Ahilkars of Dinhat and Mathabhanga by 4, 57, 15, 69, 67, 95, 7 and 2 respectively.

Rent suits increased in the courts of the Assistant Civil Judge and the Naib Ahilkars of Dinhat, Mathabhanga and Mekligunj by 199, 195, 295, and 225, respectively, and decreased in the courts of the Naib Ahilkar of Toofangunj, the Sudder Rent Suit Officer and the Sub-Naib Ahilkars of Dinhat and Mathabhanga by 10, 3, 7 and 9 respectively.

5. Statement No. 2 shows that out of a total of 7,778 institutions, 4,766 were rent suits, 2,657 were suits on bond and other obligations, 336 for land and other immoveable property and 18 relating to matrimonial rights.

Execution of decrees.

table given below :—

6. The number of applications filed for execution of decrees during the last four years is shown in the

YEARS.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1899-1900	2,388	2,055	772	5,215
1900-01	2,042	1,677	692	4,411
1901-02	1,656	1,554	623	3,833
1902-03	1,589	1,540	650	3,729

The number of applications filed during the year was 3,729 against 3,833 filed during the previous year, shewing a decrease of 104 applications.

Miscellaneous cases.

7. The number of Miscellaneous cases instituted during the last two years is shown below:—

Years.	Judicial	Non-Judicial.
1901-1902	478	20
1902-1903	463	16

8. The number of applications for certificates of guardianship under Act VI of 1897 was 48 against 49 of the previous year, shewing a decrease of one case, and the number of applications for certificates under Act V of 1898 was 40 against 53 of the previous year, shewing a decrease of 13 applications.

Rank of Courts according to institutions.

9. According to the number of original suits instituted, the subordinate courts rank thus:—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge	2,079
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	2,067
(3.) Ditto Dinhata	1,786
(4.) Ditto Mekligunj	1,158
(5.) Ditto Toofangunj	639

Disposal of suits.

10. The disposal of original suits during the last four years is shown in the statement given below:—

Years.	Civil.	Rent.	Small Cause Court.	Total.
1899-1900	2,482	5,551	1,707	9,740
1900-1901	1,949	3,813	1,452	7,214
1901-1902	1,576	3,942	1,230	6,748
1902-03	1,540	4,418	1,279	7,232

The total number of original suits disposed of was 7,232 against 6,748 of the previous year, shewing an increase of 484 cases. To evade the provisions of the new Stamp Act, a large number of suits was instituted towards the close of the year and these could not be disposed of during the period.

Rank of Courts according to disposals.

11. According to disposals, the subordinate courts rank thus:—

(1.) Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	1,084
(2.) Sudder Rent Suit Officer	1,079
(3.) Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Dinhata... ..	1,005
(4.) Assistant Civil Judge	916
(5.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	914
(6.) Ditto Mathabhanga	896
(7.) Ditto Dinhata	721
(8.) Ditto Toofangunj	606

Contest.

12. The following table compares the number of regular contested suits for the last four years:—

Years.	Number of Civil suits disposed of.	Number of Rent suits disposed of.	Number of Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 20 and Rs. 50 disposed of.	Total
1899-1900	525	859	228	1,612
1900-1901	470	604	240	1,314
1901-1902	442	574	207	1,223
1902-1903	446	568	199	1,213

The total number of contested cases decided was 1,213 being about $\frac{1}{4}$ th of the entire number of disposals.

13. With regard to the disposal of contested cases, the subordinate courts rank thus:—

(1.) Assistant Civil Judge	198
(2.) Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	171
(3.) Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Dinahata	159
(4.) Naib Ahilkar, Dinahata	147
(5.) Sub-Naib Ahilkar, Mathabhanga	142
(6.) Sudder Rent Suit Officer	138
(7.) Naib Ahilkar, Mekligunj	137
(8.) Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj	114

Average duration of suits.

14. The table given below shows the average duration of suits in each of the subordinate courts:—

NAMES OF COURTS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 50 and Rs. 20.
	y. m. d.	y. m. d.	y. m. d.
Assistant Civil Judge	0 7 4	0 5 16	0 2 8
Sudder Rent Suit Officer ... ..	.....	0 3 28	.....
Toofangunj Court	0 4 12	0 4 3	0 1 27
Dinahata Courts	0 6 0	0 3 29	0 1 25
Mathabhanga Courts	0 3 15	0 2 8	0 1 10
Mekligunj Court	0 3 15	0 3 17	0 1 12

The duration was longest in the court of the Assistant Civil Judge and shortest in that of Mathabhanga.

15. Out of the total number of original suits disposed of, 2,347 or a little less than one-third were for claims not exceeding Rs. 20; 2,495 or a little more than one-third were for claims exceeding Rs. 20 but not exceeding Rs. 50; 1,522 or a little more than one-fifth were for claims exceeding Rs. 50 but not exceeding Rs. 100; 825 or a little more than one-eighth were for claims exceeding Rs. 100 but not exceeding Rs. 500; 32 cases were for claims exceeding Rs. 500 but not exceeding Rs. 1,000; 11 were for claims exceeding Rs. 1,000 but not exceeding Rs. 5,000. There was no case for claims exceeding Rs. 10,000.

16. The number of old cases pending at the end of the year was 31 (6 pending over one year and 30 over six months) against 28 of the previous year, showing an increase of 3 cases.

Pending cases.

17. **Babu Raj Krishna Das, L.O.S., Assistant Civil Judge, and Babus Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L., and Hari Nath Basu, B.L., Naib Ahilkars,** tried Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 50 and all the other Naib Ahilkars up to Rs. 20 by summary procedure.

Disposal of Execution cases.

18. The statement given below shows the disposal of Execution cases during the last four years:—

YEARS.	Civil suits.	Rent suits.	Small Cause Court	Total.
1899-1900	2,408	2,158	788	5,342
1900-1901	2,199	1,797	699	4,695
1901-1902	1,663	1,488	645	3,796
1902-03	1,581	1,596	621	3,748

The total number of Execution cases disposed of was 3,748 against 3,796 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 48 cases only. There were 507 cases pending at the end of the year against 526 pending at the end of the year previous.

Disposal of Miscellaneous cases.

19. The table given below shows the disposal of Miscellaneous cases.

	Judicial.	Non-Judicial.
Civil	289	15
Rent	123	.....
Small Cause Court suits up to Rs. 50 and Rs. 20 ...	45	.....
Total	457	15

20. The number of cases made over to the Civil Court Ameen for local enquiry by the different Civil Courts of the State was 116 against 103 cases of the previous year. This being added to 4 cases pending at the close of the year previous, the total number for enquiry was 120. Of these, 115 were inquired into and 5 remained pending at the end of the year.

21. The statement given below shows the work on the Civil original side of the Civil Judge's Court for the last three years.

YEARS.	ORIGINAL SUITS.				EXECUTION.				MISCELLANEOUS.			
	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.	Pending from last year.	Instituted or received by transfer.	Disposed of.	Pending.
1900-1901	22	21	27	16	19	37	42	14	84	149	148	35
1901-1902	16	12	17	11	14	33	36	11	85	121	139	17
1902-1903	11	16	11	16	11	23	29	5	17	107	97	27

Sixteen Original, 5 Execution and 27 Miscellaneous cases were pending at the close of the year.

22. The following table shows the total number of Regular and Miscellaneous appeals preferred to this court during the last three years:—

Appeals.						193
1900-1901	...	...	...	...	...	215
1901-1902	...	...	...	...	...	193
1902-1903	...	...	...	...	...

The number of appeals filed during the year was 193 against 215 of the previous year, showing a decrease of 22 appeals.

(a) The result of appeals for the last three years is given in the table below:—

YEARS.	Number of appeals for disposal.	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Disposed of otherwise.	Pending.
*1900-1901 ...	265	112	32	41	31	49
1901-1902 ...	264	118	30	30	27	64
1902-1903 ...	257	126	34	20	22	55

There were 257 appeals for disposal including those remained pending at the end of the year previous. Of these, 202 were disposed of and 55 remained pending.

(b.) The following table shows the result of appeals against the decrees of each of the Subordinate Judicial Officers:—

Names of Judicial officers.	DETAILS OF DISPOSALS.						Total disposed of.	REMARKS.
	Confirmed.	Reversed.	Modified.	Remanded.	Dismissed on default.	Compromised.		
Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, B.L. ...	12	1	2	1	.....	.....	16	
" Bama Charan Neogy, B.L. ...	6	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	7	
" Gopal Chandra Chatterji, B.L. ...	6	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	7	
" Hari Nath Basu, B.L. ...	25	8	2	4	.....	.....	39	
" Narasinha Ch. Ghosh, M.A., B.L. ...	18	5	3	1	1	1	29	
" Padma Nath Das, B.L. ...	12	7	2	1	1	1	24	
" Pramatha N. Chatterji, M.A.B.L. ...	3	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	4	
" Raj Krishna Das, L.C.E. ...	28	7	4	5	1	2	47	
" Rajani K. Bhattachick, M.A., B.L. ...	*10	4	1	2	1	.....	18	
" Satis Chandra Mustafi ...	6	1	4	.....	.....	.....	11	
Total ...	126	34	20	14	4	4	202	

Finance.

23. The receipts of the Civil Department are shown below under the several heads:

I. Stamp duty.—The following statement shows the stamp duty realized during the last four years:—

1899-1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	Rs.
1900-1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	84,780
1901-1902	...	...	...	...	...	...	67,108
* 1902-1903	...	...	...	...	...	...	62,164
							67,786

The increase of Rs. 5,622 was due to the increase in the number of institutions.

II.—Ameen's fees.—The table given below shows the receipts under this head for the last four years:—

							Rs.
1899-1900	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,035
1900-1901	...	...	...	...	...	...	567
1901-1902	...	...	...	...	...	...	730
1902-1903	...	...	...	...	...	...	783

III. Process fees.—The amount of process fees realized during the year was Rs. 16,679 against Rs. 16,409 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 270 only.

IV. Fines and forfeitures.—These amounted to Rs. 277 against Rs. 188 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 88 only.

V. Other receipts including copying fees.—These amounted to Rs. 8,871 against Rs. 8,840 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 31 only.

The total receipts under the above heads were Rs. 89,396 against Rs. 88,332 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 6,064.

24. Disbursement I.—The salary of judicial officers amounted to Rs. 17,754 against Rs. 17,298 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 456. This increase is chiefly due to the pay of the Civil and Sessions Judge reaching its maximum in August 1902.

II. Establishment charges.—Amounted to Rs. 14,858 against Rs. 14,757 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 101 only. This is due to the increment to the pay of the Mohurirs.

III. Process-service.—The expenditure under this head was Rs. 8,074 against Rs. 7,985 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 89 only.

IV. Contingencies.—The amount expended under this head was Rs. 5,299 against Rs. 5,305 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 6 only.

V. Ameen's salary.—The cost of establishment of the Civil Court Ameen amounted to Rs. 870 against Rs. 873 of the previous year, showing a decrease of Rs. 3 only.

VI. Unforeseen.—The amount expended under this head was Rs. 499-3 against Rs. 500 of the previous year. Of this amount Rs. 137-3 was expended on the purchase of uniforms of 2 Chopdars who accompanied the Civil Judge to the Delhi Durbar and Rs. 362 was met towards the part payment of the price of horses for the Judge.

The total amount of expenditure amounted to Rs. 47,353 against Rs. 46,719 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 634.

The net receipt of the Civil Department amounted to Rs. 42,043 against Rs. 36,613 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 5,430.

25. The total amount of fees realized during the year was Rs. 3,517 against Rs. 3,437-11 of the previous year, showing an increase of Rs. 79-5 only. Out of the total receipts, Rs. 1,613-4 was credited to the State and the balance, Rs. 1,903-12, distributed among the copyists.

Copying Department.

The following statement shows the number of copyists employed in each court with their average monthly income :—

Names of Courts.	No. of copyists.	No. of comparing clerks	Average monthly income of each copyist.			Remarks.
			Rs.	A.	P.	
Sudder	4	1	17	2	0	(a) The work was carried on by the regular staff without any remuneration.
Toofanganj	1	(a)	6	11	0	
Dinhata	2	1	15	9	1	
Mathabhanga	8	1	.....		
Mekligunj	2	(a)	7	4	11	

Records. 26. During the year under report, records of 13,164 cases were received in the Record-room as shown below :—

Courts.	Civil.	Rent.	Total.
Civil Judge's Court	347	66	413
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	970	172	1,142
Sudder Rent Suit Court	.....	1,435	1,435
Toofanganj	1,398	770	2,068
Dinhata	1,154	2,001	3,155
Mathabhanga	721	887	1,598
Mekligunj	1,355	2,038	3,393
Total	5,845	7,319	13,164

Inspection.

27. I inspected all the Sub-divisions during the year and the result of my inspection was satisfactory.

Conduct of officers.

28. Babu Raj Krishna Das, L. C. E., Assistant Civil Judge, continued to discharge his duties satisfactorily.

Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, B. L., Naib Ahilkar of Dinhata, and Babu Hari Nath Basu, B. L., Naib Ahilkar of Mathabhanga, worked well. The judgments of the latter are generally sound.

Babu Padma Nath Das, B. L., Naib Ahilkar of Toofanganj and Babu Bama Charan Neogi, B. L., Naib Ahilkar of Mekligunj, worked hard.

Sub-Naib Ahilars, Babu Rajani Kanta Bhaumick, M. A., B. L., and Babu Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, M. A., B. L., are both intelligent officers, and they discharged their duties satisfactorily.

Babu Satis Chandra Mustafi, Sudder Rent Suit Officer, also worked well.

My Sheristadar, Babu Siddessur Mullick, and Head Clerk, Babu Kokileswar Bhattacharjee, M. A., continued to discharge their duties satisfactorily.

I have the honour to be,

Your Highness' most obedient servant,

PRIYANATH DATTA,

Civil and Sessions Judge, Cooch Behar.

CIVIL STATEMENT NO. I.

(A.)

List of Judicial and Revenue Divisions of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

Name of Division			Names of Police Stations in each.	Area in square miles.	Population.
Sudder Sub-Division	...	...	Kotwali Station ...	234	1,21,609
Toofangunj	"	...	Fulbari Station ...	223	73,438
Dinhata	"	...	Dinhata Station ...	269	1,43,900
Mathabhanga	"	...	Mathabhanga Station	334	1,40,183
			Sitalkhuchi I. O. P.		
Mekligunj	"	...	Mekligunj Station ...	197	87,843

(B.)

Return showing the number of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

CIVIL		RENT		TOTAL
Appellate.	Original	Appellate	Original	
1	13	1	9	24

(C.)

Return showing receipts and charges of Civil and Rent Courts in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

COURTS.	RECEIPTS.						CHARGES.						
	Stamps.	Process fees.	Fines and for- feitures.	Salween's fees.	Other receipts.	TOTAL.	Salary of Judi- cial officers.	Establishment.	Process serving.	Conting- encies. (A)	Amuse- ment's Re- sultant.	Uniforms.	TOTAL.
Civil Judge's Court ...	7,979 4 9	689 4 0	.....	.....	1,527 11 0	10,196 3 9	9,350 0 0	5,431 3 10	5,123 8 10	3,697 13 8	869 14 1	499 8 0	25,021 11 5
Sudder Subordinate Courts	14,369 3 9	4,029 0 0	23 4 0	237 0 0	.....	18,658 7 9	4,200 0 0	2,632 0 0	.....	191 0 10	.....	.....	7,023 0 10
Toofangunj ...	4,455 4 9	1,333 4 0	0 13 3	72 0 0	163 11 6	6,025 1 6	800 0 0	1,368 14 4	653 6 9	163 4 0	.....	.....	2,985 9 1
Dinhata ...	13,074 4 0	3,753 12 0	45 12 0	96 0 0	779 10 10	17,754 6 10	1,341 10 8	1,918 10 10	876 0 0	414 12 6	.....	.....	4,551 2 0
Mathabhang	18,931 1 3	4,688 4 0	115 12 0	133 0 0	1,033 1 0	24,956 2 3	1,233 10 8	1,992 12 9	851 1 6	561 11 0	.....	.....	4,639 3 11
Melbigunj ...	8,976 6 0	2,180 8 0	91 14 0	240 0 0	316 7 0	11,805 3 0	828 4 0	1,464 0 0	570 0 0	270 0 9	.....	.....	3,132 4 9
Total ...	67,785 8 6	16,679 0 0	277 7 3	733 0 0	3,870 9 4	89,395 9 1	17,753 9 4	14,857 9 9	8,074 1 1	5,298 10 9	869 14 1	499 8 0	47,353 0 0

Receipts Rs. ... 89,395 9 1
 Charges " ... 47,353 0 0
 Balance " ... 42,042 9 1

PRIYANATH DATTA,
 Civil Judge.

Statement showing the number and description of suits instituted in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State during the year 1902-1903.

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PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

M.—Statement showing the result of the trial of original suits in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

CIVIL COURTS.	Pending from the last year.	Instituted during the year.	Received by transfer.	Total for disposal.	Transferred to other Courts.	Plaint rejected or returned after registration thereof.	Dismissed for default.	Withdrawn.	Compromised.	Decreed on confession.	Decreed ex parte.	Dismissed ex parte.	Referred to arbitrators.	CONTINUED.		Total disposed of.	Pending.	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	AVERAGE DURATION OF SUITS.	
														Judgments for plaintiff in whole or part.	Judgments for defendant.					Contested.	Uncontested.
CIVIL COURTS.																					
Civil Judge	11	16	4	27	...	...	1	...	1	...	2	...	...	6	1	11	16	4	...	...	...
Assistant Civil Judge	62	332	...	445	...	...	31	...	12	61	125	...	...	75	66	364	81	...	...	7	...
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	44	237	...	281	...	...	40	...	26	25	73	...	...	33	33	297	54	...	...	6	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	...	...	...	...	...	...	13	...	12	12	42	...	...	29	12	140	18	...	...	2	...
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, ditto	15	212	...	267	...	...	27	...	10	10	40	...	...	35	7	130	17	...	...	4	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhaanga	...	128	...	153	...	...	23	...	18	21	87	...	...	44	22	236	29	...	...	4	...
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, ditto	21	474	...	513	...	...	30	...	7	24	85	...	...	31	23	221	27	...	...	2	...
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, ditto	7	18	...	966	...	...	49	...	17	32	76	...	...	24	27	231	96	...	...	2	...
Naib Ahlikar, Medligunj	19	308	...	327	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	2	...
TOTAL	193	1,680	401	2,279	401	2	214	18	120	195	540	5	...	265	181	1,540	338	19	6	...	...
RENT COURTS.																					
Civil Judge	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Assistant Civil Judge	6	1,302	91	1,399	...	...	54	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sudder Rent Suit officer	77	...	1,233	1,310	91	...	327	...	6	263	342	9	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	...	...	...	...	...	...	18	...	53	42	72	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Dinbata	15	255	...	283	...	...	21	...	80	74	92	...	...	35	5	331	52	...	...	2	...
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, ditto	...	1,296	...	1,265	...	...	90	...	213	215	231	...	...	108	16	875	74	...	...	2	...
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhaanga	106	2	...	993	...	...	15	...	16	114	90	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, ditto	9	1,200	106	1,315	...	...	72	...	24	412	261	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, ditto	19	10	1,011	1,040	106	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Medligunj	53	772	...	830	...	...	56	...	183	81	302	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	318	4,767	3,350	8,485	3,350	...	683	14	575	1,247	1,347	9	...	482	96	4,413	672	13	...	...	...
SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO Rs. 20 AND Rs. 50																					
Assistant Civil Judge.	7	395	...	402	...	...	90	...	2	87	148	3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	10	147	...	157	...	...	67	...	10	11	47	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, Dinbata	15	318	...	333	...	...	...	...	23	27	117	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, Mathabhaanga	7	393	...	400	...	...	102	...	27	44	144	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto, Medligunj	5	78	...	83	...	...	30	...	8	10	18	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
TOTAL	44	1,331	...	1,376	...	...	348	2	75	179	472	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
GRAND TOTAL	560	7,778	5,751	12,099	3,751	2	1,215	34	770	1,621	2,359	18	...	882	331	7,253	1,106	80	6	...	...

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 4. *

Statement showing the value of suits disposed of in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

VALUE OF SUITS.	CIVIL SUITS.						RENT SUITS.						SMALL CAUSE COURT SUITS UP TO Rs. 20 AND Rs. 50.						Grand Total.			
	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Tootangunj.	Dinabata.	Mathabhangra.	Mekligunj.	TOTAL.	Civil Judge.	Assistant Civil Judge.	Sudder Rent Suit Officer.	Tootangunj.	Dinabata.	Mathabhangra.	Mekligunj.	TOTAL.	Sudder.	Tootangunj.	Dinabata.		Mathabhangra.	Mekligunj.	TOTAL.
Not exceeding Rs. 5	...	...	3	2	3	5	13	...	9	51	5	81	16	39	198	33	14	16	7	10	80	291
Ditto "	...	19	8	12	13	96	1 48	...	58	372	53	424	227	185	1,319	159	184	108	124	64	689	2,056
Ditto "	...	37	119	25	66	64	311	...	65	394	72	410	426	207	1,574	194	...	171	245	...	610	2,495
Ditto "	...	171	68	180	197	61	627	...	31	203	62	195	305	100	895	...	...	...	...	...	...	1,592
Ditto "	...	119	28	81	176	5	409	...	6	60	36	69	168	77	416	...	...	...	...	...	...	925
Ditto "	18	...	1	...	2	...	21	...	...	...	3	2	5	1	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	32
Ditto "	11	...	...	...	...	...	11	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	11
Ditto "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Ditto "	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Exceeding " 1,00,000	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Total	11	364	227	250	457	231	1,540	...	166	1,079	231	1,181	1,147	609	4,413	386	148	295	376	74	1,279	7,982

PRIYANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 5.

Statement showing the execution of decrees of Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

COURTS.	APPLICATIONS TO EXECUTE DECREES.				APPLICATIONS DISPOSED OF.		PENDING.		NATURE AND NUMBER OF CASES IN WHICH COERCIVE PROCESSES ISSUED.				APPLICATION FOR INSOLVENCY.									
	Pending from the last year.	Filed.	Disallowed by transfer.	Total.	Decree wholly or partially satisfied.	Struck off.	TOTAL.	Transferred.	More than six months.		More than twelve months.		Possession.	Against the person.		Movable property.		Immovable property.		Orders under Sections 308 & 309, Code of Civil Procedure.	Allowed.	Disallowed.
									Arrest.	Imprisonment.	Attached.	Sold.		Attached.	Sold.							
<i>Civil Courts.</i>																						
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	10	22	.....	32	11	16	27	...	3	1	5	20	4	.....	11	5	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	57	411	.....	468	147	253	400	...	2	.....	68	24	50	7	158	40	75	90	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	47	209	.....	256	64	152	217	...	1	.....	39	7	31	.....	120	22	25	22	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Dinabata	34	145	.....	179	33	93	142	...	.....	.....	37	3	29	3	62	8	50	18	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, ditto	21	141	.....	162	34	105	139	...	1	.....	23	2	21	.....	74	9	36	12	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	40	237	.....	277	101	128	229	...	.....	.....	48	11	37	2	124	20	77	96	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, ditto.	17	196	.....	213	65	134	199	...	.....	.....	14	11	25	2	120	22	46	14	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, Mekligunj...	34	178	.....	212	80	98	178	...	3	.....	34	2	21	3	83	8	56	68	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	260	1,539	.....	1,799	551	980	1,531	...	11	1	268	81	227	20	752	134	371	239	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Rent Courts.</i>																						
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	1	1	.....	2	1	1	2	...	.....	.....	9	.....	1	1	.....	.....	.....	6	.....	.....	.....	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, ditto	18	77	.....	95	27	59	86	...	.....	.....	61	10	10	1	26	3	11	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sudder Rent Suit Officer	65	363	.....	428	88	289	377	...	1	.....	24	36	16	5	179	28	57	40	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	18	101	.....	119	26	69	95	...	2	.....	13	48	9	.....	55	6	21	10	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Dinabata	18	108	.....	126	26	87	113	...	.....	.....	21	98	16	.....	117	5	31	8	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, ditto	31	258	.....	289	62	206	268	...	.....	.....	15	28	7	2	98	12	35	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Mathabhang	18	166	.....	184	52	117	169	...	.....	.....	17	75	26	.....	159	9	51	11	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, ditto	38	291	.....	324	71	241	312	...	.....	.....	22	73	16	2	52	8	19	16	.....	.....	.....	.....
Sub-Naib Ahlikar, Mekligunj...	21	175	.....	196	34	140	174	...	4	.....	172	485	174	12	745	73	239	111	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	228	1,540	.....	1,768	387	1,209	1,596	...	7	.....	37	.....	28	7	71	33	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
<i>Small Cause Courts up to Rs. 20 & 50.</i>																						
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar	24	306	.....	330	49	244	293	...	.....	.....	4	.....	12	.....	27	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Naib Ahlikar, Toofangunj	3	43	.....	46	9	33	42	...	.....	.....	17	.....	42	.....	31	6	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Dinabata	5	154	.....	159	21	121	142	...	.....	.....	8	.....	50	4	82	8	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mathabhang	6	131	.....	137	19	110	129	...	.....	.....	1	.....	.....	3	1	.....	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Ditto, Mekligunj	.....	16	.....	16	7	8	15	...	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	38	650	.....	688	105	516	621	...	.....	.....	67	.....	132	17	262	55	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Grand total	526	3,729	.....	4,255	1,043	2,705	3,748	...	18	1	507	566	533	49	1,759	262	611	370	.....	.....	.....	.....

PRINATH DATTA,
Civil Judge

Statement showing the institution and disposal of Miscellaneous cases of a Judicial nature in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

COURTS.	Pending from last year.	Instituted.	Received by transfer or otherwise.	TOTAL.	DISPOSED OF		Transferred.	PENDING.			AVERAGE DURATION OF CASES.		REMARKS.
					Contested.	Uncontested.		More than six months.	More than 12 months.	Total pending.	Contested.	Uncontested.	
<i>Civil Courts.</i>													
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	17	107	.....	124	27	70	.....	6	.....	27	7	1	M. D.
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	7	45	.....	52	25	20	.....	.....	.....	17	2	0	27
Naib Ahikar, Toofangunj ...	6	91	.....	27	11	11	.....	.....	.....	5	1	1	1
Naib Ahikar, Dinahata ...	3	16	.....	19	9	7	.....	.....	.....	3	2	4	1
Sub-Naib Ahikar, do. ...	4	12	.....	16	6	9	.....	.....	.....	1	1	1	2
Naib Ahikar, Mathabhangha ...	8	25	.....	33	18	17	.....	.....	.....	1	1	5	0
Sub-Naib Ahikar, do. ...	7	23	.....	29	20	5	.....	.....	.....	1	1	0	28
Naib Ahikar, Mekligunj ...	10	37	.....	47	27	7	.....	.....	.....	13	2	1	0
Total	62	295	.....	357	143	146	.....	6	.....	68	.....	.....	.....
<i>Rent Courts.</i>													
Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	.....	5	.....	5	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	3	3	.....
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	6	4	.....	10	6	3	.....	.....	.....	1	3	1	25
Sudder Rent Sur Officer ...	7	18	.....	25	15	4	.....	1	.....	6	3	1	6
Naib Ahikar, Toofangunj ...	4	17	.....	21	12	1	.....	.....	.....	8	1	2	1
Naib Ahikar, Dinahata ...	2	8	.....	10	8	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	3	5	0
Sub-Naib Ahikar, do. ...	1	4	.....	5	4	1	.....	.....	.....	.....	1	10	0
Naib Ahikar, Mathabhangha ...	.....	14	.....	14	14	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	3	0
Sub-Naib Ahikar, do. ...	4	16	.....	20	11	6	.....	.....	.....	12	2	0	29
Naib Ahikar, Mekligunj ...	6	35	.....	41	17	12	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
Total	31	121	.....	151	91	32	.....	1	.....	28	.....	.....	.....
<i>Small Cause Courts upto Rs. 20 and Rs. 50.</i>													
Assistant Civil Judge, Cooch Behar ...	2	18	.....	20	10	7	.....	.....	.....	3	1	23	0
Naib Ahikar, Toofangunj ...	1	3	.....	4	1	3	.....	.....	.....	.....	0	28	0
Ditto, Dinahata ...	.....	5	.....	5	1	2	.....	.....	.....	2	13	0	15
Ditto, Mathabhangha ...	1	17	.....	18	6	11	.....	.....	.....	1	0	24	0
Ditto, Mekligunj ...	.....	4	.....	4	2	2	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....
TOTAL	4	47	.....	51	20	25	.....	1	.....	6	.....	.....	.....
GRAND TOTAL	96	463	.....	659	254	203	.....	7	.....	102	.....	.....	.....

PRIVANATH DATTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 7

Statement showing the work of the Civil Appellate Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

APPELLATE COURTS.	Pending from last year.	Received by transfer.	Total.	DISPOSED OF.							Pending	Over six months.	Over twelve months.	Objections under Section 211 of Act of 1892.	Objections allowed.	REMARKS
				Transferred.	Dismissed for default.	Compromised.	Modified.	Reversed.	Confirmed.	Remanded.	Total disposed of.					
Civil Side,	47	127	174	.....	2	3	11	24	82	12	134	40	2	.....	2	
Ditto Miscellaneous Side	.....	17	17	.....	.....	.....	1	.....	12	1	14	3	.....	.....	.....
Total	47	144	191	.....	2	3	12	24	94	13	148	43	2	.....	2	
Rent Side	17	45	62	.....	2	1	8	10	30	1	52	10	1	.....	.....
Ditto Miscellaneous	.....	4	4	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....	2	.....	2	2	.....	.....	.....
Total	17	49	66	.....	2	1	8	10	32	1	54	12	1	.....	.....
Grand Total	64	193	257	.....	4	4	20	34	126	14	202	55	3	.....	2	

PRIYANATH DATTA.

Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT NO. 8.

Statement showing the nature of miscellaneous suits instituted and disposed of in the Civil and Rent Courts of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

NATURE OF CASE.	CIVIL COURTS.										RENT COURTS.										SMALL CAUSE COURTS UP TO RS 50 AND 25.										REMARKS																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																																						
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Judicial. Total Instituted .. 463 Total Disposed of .. 457

Non-Judicial. Total Instituted .. 16 Total Disposed of .. 16

PRIYANATH DATTA, Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 9.

Statement showing the nature of property held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the Co
Behar State during the year 1902-1903.

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation	Description of State Authority under which it is held.	Remarks.
Cooch Behar.				
Babu Priyanath Datta, Civil and Sessions Judge.	A small bit of land in the town.	Lives in a house.
" Siddesur Mullick, Sheristadar ...	House in the town ...	.....	.....
" Kokilewar Bhattacharji, Head-Clerk.	Nil ...	.....	.....
" Baikuntha Chandra Neogi, Peshkar	House in the town ...	.....	.....
" Bishnu Charan Majumdar, Second Clerk.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Prangoti Chakrabarti, Record-keeper	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Beninadhab Guha, Bakiat Mohurer	Ditto ..	.....	.....
" Ishan Chandra Guha, Execution Mohurer.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Sambhu Nath Das, Mohurer, Record-room.	House in Cooch Behar	.....	.....
" Rajendra Kumar Das Gupta, Comparing Clerk.	Nil ...	.....	.....
" Brojo Nath Rai, Nazir ...	House in the town	Ancestral.
Aftab Uddin Khandkar, Naib Nazir ...	Ditto ...	.....	.....
Babu Rajkrishna Das, L.C.E., Assistant Civil Judge.	A dwelling house consisting of a Jote and Chukani in the town.	.....	.....
" Satia Chandra Mustafi, Sudder Rent Suit Officer.	1. A dwelling house in the town. 2. Jotes, Chukanies and Brohmotars in the State.	Jointly held with his brother.	.....
" Anup Chandra Banerji, Sheristadar,	Nil ...	.....	.....
" Kushal Chandra Pal, Peshkar ...	Some Jotes, Chukanies in the Sudder.	Ditto ...	.....
" Rajani Kanta Ghosh, Mohurer ...	A dwelling house consisting of a Dur-Chukani in the Sudder	In the name of his brother Umesh Chandra Ghosh deceased	.....
" Purna Chandra Banerji, Mohurer	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Durga Nath Barua, Mohurer ...	Some Chukanies in the Sudder	.....	.....
" Guru Govindo Shaha, Mohurer ...	Jotes and Chukanies in the Sudder.	Some in his own name and the rest jointly with his brother.	.....
" Amrita Prosud Issor, Mohurer ...	One jote in the Sudder.	His Highness' office No. 1412 of the 31st March 1902. Purchased by a kabala.	
Toofanganj.				
Babu Padma Nath Das, Naib Ahilkar ...	Some Jotes in the Sub-division of Dinahata.	Ancestral ...	Ditto.
" Toroni Kanta Chowdhuri, Head-clerk and Sheristadar.	A Basha in Fulbari.	.....	.....
" Jogendra Nath Banerji, 2nd Clerk and Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Pran Nath Chakrabortti Accountant.	Ditto	.....	.....
" Shashabindu Rai, 3rd Clerk ...	Ditto and one Jote in the Sub-division.	.....	.....
" Bhagaban Chandra Chakrabarti, Accountant Mohurer ...	.....	.....	.....
" Dwarka Nath Datta, Dewani Mohurer.	One Basha at Fulbari.	.....	.....
" Kailash Chandra Chakrabarti, Rent Mohurer.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Raj Chandra Karjee, Poddar ...	Ditto	.....	.....

Statement showing the nature of property held by Judicial and Ministerial officers in the Cooch Behar State during the year 1902-1903.—(Concluded.)

Names of Officers.	Nature of property held and its locality.	Held in the name of wife or relation.	Description of State authority under which it is held.	Remarks.
Dinhata.				
Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, Naib Ahilkar ...	Nil ...	.....	.....	Lives in a State house.
" Rajani Kanta Bhanmick, Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	One Basha in Cooch Behar town.	.....	.....	Ditto.
" Dinesh Chandra Rai, Sheristadar.	One Basha in Dinhata town.	.....	.....
" Jogesh Chandra Gangooli, Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Govindo Bhandhu Rai, 3rd Clerk...	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Gura Gobindo Neogi, Sub-Naib Ahilkar's Bench Clerk,	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Kumud Bandhu Biswas, Rent Suit Mohurer.	Ditto ..	.....	.....
" Bhabendra Narayan Basu, Accountant.	Nil ...	.....	.....
" Sarat Chandra Das, Accountant's Mohurer,	Nil ...	.....	.....
"unshi Azahar Uddin, Accountant's Mohurer.	One Basha in Dinhata town.	.....	.....
abu Kali Chandra Chakerbutti, Poddar.	Nil ...	.....	.....
" Chandra Kumar Adhicari, Additional Mohurer.	Nil ...	.....	.....
" Jagat Chandra Bhatta, Dewani Mohurer.	Some Jotes and Chukanies in Cooch Behar and one Basha in Cooch Behar and one at Dinhata.	.....	Ancestral ...	
unshi Farash Uddin, Comparing Clerk.	Jotes, Chukanies and Dur-chukanies in the State.	.....	Ditto.	
Mathabhanga.				
abu Hari Nath Basu, Naib Ahilkar ...	.....	.....	.....	Ditto.
" Narasinha Chandra Ghosh, Sub-Naib Ahilkar.	.....	.....	.....	Ditto.
" Hara Chandra Guha, Sheristadar.	A Basha in Mathabhanga town.	.....	.....
" Prandatta Misra, Accountant	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Pramatha Nath Majumdar, Peshkar.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Harish Chandra Guha, Dewani Mohurer.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Loke Nath Dns, Rent Mohurer...	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Kali Charan Banerji, Sub-Naib Ahilkar's Bench Clerk.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Biswa Nath Sarcar, 2nd Mohurer, Account Department.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Kashi Kissore Rai, Head Mohurer.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Bhola Nath Datta, 3rd Clerk ...	Nil ...	.....	.....
" Kunja Behari Sircar ...	Nil ...	.....	.....
" Rajani Kanta Chakerbutti, Poddar.	Nil ...	.....	.....
Mekligunj.				
abu Bama Charan Neogi, Offg. Naib Ahilkar.	One Jote in Mathabhanga.	.....	Received by inheritance.	Ditto.
" Hara Chandra Rai, Sheristadar.	One Basha at Mekligunj.	.....	.....
" Ram Chandra Banerji, Peshkar..	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Triguna Charan Chakrabarti, 3rd Clerk.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Kanti Chandra Gupta, Accountant.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Ishwar Chandra Rai, Dewani Mohurer.	Ditto ...	.....	.....
" Modhu Sudan Chakrabarti, Act X Department.	Ditto and 6 Jotes and 1 Chukani in the State.	.....	.....

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 10.

Statement showing the Receipts and Charges in respect of Ameens employed in the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

NAME OF COURT.	Ameen's Fees.	Time employed.	Number of Ameens.	CHARGES.		AMEEN'S PEON'S FEES.		AMEEN'S PEON'S CHARGES.		REMARKS.
				Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	Rs.	A. P.	
Civil Judge ...	Rs. A. P.	}	1							
Assistant Civil Judge ...	237 0 0									
Sudder Rent Suit Officer ...										
Naib Ahilkar, Toofangunj (Civil)										
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)	72 0 0									
Ditto, Dinbata (Civil)	96 0 0									
Ditto, Do. (Rent)										
Ditto, Mathabhanga (Civil)	138 0 0									
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)										
Ditto, Mekhgunj (Civil)	240 0 0									
Ditto, Ditto (Rent)										
Total	783 0 0		1	725	14 1	.....	...	144	0 0	* This includes Rs. 11.11 for contingencies of the Court Ameen.

PRIYANATH DAVTA,
Civil Judge.

CIVIL STATEMENT No. 11.

Statement showing receipts and charges in respect of the Process Service Establishment of the Cooch Behar State for the year 1902-1903.

NAME OF COURTS.	Number of processes issued.	Process service-fees.	Number of processes served.	Salary of Nazir and Process servers.	Daily average of distance travelled by each peon.	REMARKS.
<i>Civil Courts.</i>						
Civil Judge's Court	1,316	Rs. 649 12 0	1,160	Rs. 5,128 8 10	5 miles	
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,990	1,367 12 0	1,904	.....	.....
Toofangunj	900	698 4 0	900	653 6 9	5½ "	
Dinbata	1,691	1,271 12 0	1,637	876 0 0	4 "	
Mathabhanga	2,408	2,015 4 0	2,362	851 1 6	7-88 "	
Mekligunj	1,173	930 12 0	1,141	570 0 0	4-64 "	
<i>Rent Courts.</i>						
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	2,432	1,779 12 0	2,341	.....	.....
Sudder Rent Suit	513	398 0 0	573	.....	.....
Toofangunj	2,439	1,823 8 0	2,427	.....	.....
Dinbata	2,256	1,949 0 0	2,203	.....	.....
Mathabhanga	1,345	1,106 12 0	1,299	.....	.....
Mekligunj						
<i>Small Cause Courts.</i>						
Assistant Civil Judge's Court	1,150	737 8 0	1,125	.....	.....
Toofangunj	242	179 0 0	242	.....	.....
Dinbata	788	570 0 0	767	.....	.....
Mathabhanga	712	596 8 0	691	.....	.....
Mekligunj	113	82 8 0	113	
Total	21,468	16,146 0 0	20,875	8,074 0 0	

PRİYANATH DATTA,

Civil Judge.

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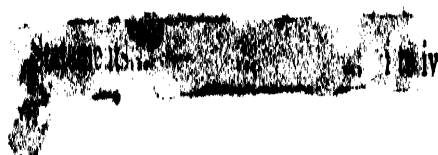
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No. 65.

FROM

BABU PRIYANATH DATTA, M.A., B.L.,

Registrar of Deeds, Cooch Behar.

TO

THE PRESIDENT OF THE STATE COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 8th July 1903.

YOUR HIGHNESS,

I HAVE the honor to submit herewith the Annual Report of the Registration Department of the State for the year 1902-1903. The Annual Returns I to X are hereto appended.

2. I was in charge of the office of Registrar of Deeds throughout the year.

3. The following table shews the changes in the Sub-Registry offices:—

SUB-DIVISIONS.	Names of Officers.	Terms of employment.
Sudder ...	Babu Mon Mohan Buxi, Sudder Sub-Registrar.	For the 1st April 1902, from the 13th April to the 25th May 1902, and from the 1st June 1902 to the 3rd February 1903.
Do. ...	Babu Jagadballav Biswas, Offg. Sub-Registrar.	From the 2nd April to the 12th April 1902.
Do. ...	Babu Pramatha Nath Chatterji, Offg. Sub-Registrar.	From the 26th to the 31st May 1902, and from the 4th February to the 31st March 1903.
Dinhata ...	Babu Ashutosh Ghosh, Sub-Registrar ...	From the 1st April 1902 to the 31st March 1903.
Mathabhanga	Babu Hari Nath Basu, Sub-Registrar ...	Ditto Ditto.
Mekligunj ...	Babu Bama Charan Neogi, Sub-Registrar	From the 1st April to the 3rd July 1902, and from the 15th December 1902 to the 31st March 1903.
Do. ...	Babu Gopal Chandra Chatterji, Sub-Registrar.	From the 4th July to the 14th December 1902.
Toofangunj..	Babu Padma Nath Das, Sub-Registrar ...	From the 1st April 1902 to the 31st March 1903.

4. Table No. I, hereto appended, compares the number of deeds, both compulsory and optional, registered during the year under report and the previous year. The number of deeds, the registration of which was compulsory, came down from 6,289 to 6,103, shewing a decrease of 186 deeds, and that, of which the registration was optional, came up from 3,595 to 4,055, shewing an increase of 460 deeds.

5. The variations as regards the different kinds of documents registered during the years 1901-1902 and 1902-1903 are shewn in Table II, hereto appended. There was an increase of 50, 332, 1, 208 and 138 deeds under heads "Mortgages", "Sales", "Gifts", "Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property" and "Miscellaneous", respectively, and a decrease of 442, 4 and 9 deeds under heads "Leases", "Obligations for payment of money" and "Wills", respectively.

6. The increases under "Sales" and "Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property" were due to the dullness of the tobacco market.

The decrease under "Leases" was mainly due to the conclusion of the settlement of upheaved Jallas and Payasti lands.

The increases and decreases under other heads were small and call for no explanation.

7. The number of deeds registered in the different offices, as shewn in Table III, is given below :—

	No of Deeds.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices	3,192
Dinhata office	2,290
Mathabhanga office... ..	2,179
Mekligunj ditto	1,552
Toofangunj ditto	945
Total	10,158

8. The Registrar of Deeds registered 34 deeds in the year under report against 45 of the previous year, yielding fees amounting to Rs. 134-12 against Rs. 234-4-0 of the previous year.

9. There were 21 appeals, including 4 which remained pending at the close of the last year, against the orders of the Sub-Registrars. Of these, 16 were disposed of. In 3 cases registration was ordered and 13 cases were dismissed. Five cases remained pending at the close of the year.

10. The total receipts under fees, fines and other heads during the year amounted to Rs. 9,469-11 against Rs. 8,876-13, shewing an increase of Rs. 592-14.

11. The total disbursements of the Department during the year amounted to Rs. 6,269-0-4 against Rs. 6,150-9-10, shewing an increase of Rs. 118-6-6. The increase was chiefly due to the increase in the amount of fees paid to the Sub-Registrars.

12. The net gain to the State was Rs. 3,200-10-8 against Rs. 2,726-3-2, shewing an increase of Rs. 474-7-6.

13. All the Sub-divisional Sub-Registry offices were inspected by me during the year under report and the inspection reports duly submitted to Your Highness in Council.

14. All the Sub-Registrars were remunerated by fees at 25 per cent. on total collections, as usual, and they discharged their duties satisfactorily.

I have the honor to be,

Your Highness' most obedient servant,

PRIYANATH DATTA,

Registrar of Deeds, Cooch. Behar.

I.—Comparative table shewing the number of deeds, compulsory and optional.

YEARS.				Compulsory.	Optional.	Total.	Amount of fees and fines realised on documents presented for registration.		
							Rs.	As.	P.
1901-1902	...	...	...	6,289	3,595	9,884	8,107	0	0
1902-1903	...	...	...	6,103	4,055	10,158	8,745	0	0
Increase	...	...	.....		460	274	638	0	0
Decrease	...	..		186	.....	.....	.....

II.—Comparative table shewing the number of deeds of the different classes registered in 1901-1902 and 1902-1903.

YEARS.			Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
1901-1902	...	...	4,929	147	2,467	64	950	613	20	694	9,884
1902-1903	...	...	4,487	197	2,799	65	1,158	609	11	832	10,158
Increase	...	...	...	50	332	1	208	...	...	138	274
Decrease	...	...	442	...	...	...	...	4	9	...	...

III.—Table shewing the number of deeds registered in the different offices.

OFFICES.			Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.	Total.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices	...	...	1,770	80	577	26	254	166	4	865	3,192
Dinhata	...	...	947	42	767	13	248	147	3	123	2,290
Mathabhangha	...	...	740	80	693	4	301	210	2	199	2,179
Mekligunj	...	...	459	85	520	16	313	58	1	100	1,552
Toofangunj	571	10	242	6	42	28	1	45	945
TOTAL	4,487	197	2,799	65	1,158	609	11	832	10,158

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IV.—Table showing the amount of Receipts and Disbursements of the Registration Department for the year 1902-1903.

Names of Offices.	RECEIPTS.			DISBURSEMENTS.						Excess of Receipt over Expenditure.	Balance of the last two columns.
	Registration, copying and searching fees &c.	Fines &c.	Total.	Permanent and temporary establishments.	Current and extraordinary contingencies.	Commission to Sub-Registrars.	Refund of fees on documents refused registration.	Total.	Excess of Expenditure over Receipt.		
	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices	2,569 2 0	78 8 0	2,647 10 0	1,297 0 8	756 2 9	631 7 0	.....	2,684 10 5	37 0 5	.....	.....
Dinhata	2,090 8 0	36 4 0	2,126 12 0	457 18 4	3 4 0	510 9 6	.....	971 10 10	.....	1,155 1 2	.....
Mathabhanga	2,291 12 0	58 12 0	2,350 8 0	414 5 11	18 12 0	553 9 0	.....	986 10 11	.....	1,363 13 1	.....
Melliganj	1,701 12 0	6 12 0	1,708 8 0	505 2 11	26 13 0	396 0 0	.....	927 15 11	.....	780 8 1	.....
Toofangunj	636 5 0	.....	636 5 0	491 0 0	49 2 0	157 14 3	.....	698 0 3	61 11 3	.....	.....
Total	9,289 7 0	180 4 0	9,469 11 0	3,165 6 10	854 1 9	2,249 7 9	6,269 0 4	98 11 8	3,299 8 4	3,200 10 8

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V.—Table shewing the nature of deeds registered and the amount of fees realised by the Registrar himself.

Leases.		Mortgages.		Sales.		Gifts.		Acknowledgment of payment of consideration on account of immoveable property.	Obligations for payment of money.		Wills.		Miscellaneous.		Total.	
No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.		No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.	No.	Fees.
Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.	Rs.	A.
22	14 0	...	...	5	77 4	...	...	5	33 8	...	...	...	2	10 0	34	134 12

VI.—Table shewing progress in the work of copying.

OFFICES.						Deeds copied.	Deeds to be copied.	REMARKS.
Registrar's and Sudder Sub-Registrar's offices...						8,189	3*	*Three deeds were pending registration.
Dinhata						2,287	3†	† Ditto.
Mathabhanga						2,177	2‡	‡ Two deeds ditto.
Mekligunj						1,474	78	
Toofangunj						943	2§	§ Ditto.

VII.—Abstract statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements of the Registration Department for the year 1902-1903.

OFFICES.	NUMBER OF DEEDS REGISTERED.		Value of property affected.	Amount of fees and fines realized.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Refund of fees on documents refused.	Contingencies.
	Compulsory.	Optional.						
			Rs.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
Registrar's & Sudder Sub-Registrar's Offices * ...	1,999	1,193	2,14,661	2,647 10 0	1,297 0 8	631 7 0	.....	756 2 9
Dinhata ...	1,312	978	2,07,938	2,126 12 0	457 13 4	510 9 6	.....	3 4 0
Mathabhanga ...	1,104	1,075	3,16,152	2,350 8 0	414 5 11	553 9 0	.....	18 12 0
Mekligunj ...	1,034	518	2,46,793	1,708 8 0	505 2 11	396 0 0	.....	26 13 0
Toofangunj ...	654	291	72,134	636 5 0	491 0 0	157 14 3	49 2 0
TOTAL ...	6,103	4,055	10,57,678	9,469 11 0	3,165 6 10	2,249 7 9	854 1 9

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VIII.—Comparative statement of deeds registered and of receipts and disbursements for the years 1901-1902 and 1902-1903.

Years.	NUMBER OF DEEDS REGISTERED.		Amount of fees and fines realised.	Cost of Establishment.	Percentage on fees.	Contingencies.	Refund of fees on applications refused.	Total Expenditure.	Balance brought forward.
	Compulsory.	Optional.							
			Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.	Rs. A. P.
1901-1902 ...	6,289	8,595	8,876 18 0	3,177 1 11	2,141 8 9	831 15 2	.....	6,150 9 10	2,726 8 2
1902-1903 ...	6,108	4,055	9,469 11 0	3,163 6 10	2,249 7 9	854 1 9	.....	6,369 0 4	3,200 10 8
Increase ...	...	460	592 14 0	.....	107 15 0	22 2 7	.....	118 8 6	474 7 6
Decrease ...	186	...	.....	11 11 1	.....	.....	.....	.....	.....

* Excess of receipts over expenditure.

IX.—Table shewing the institution and disposal of appeals preferred against the decisions of the Sub-Registrars.

OFFICES.	No. of Appeals pending at the end of the last year.	No. of Appeals instituted.	No. of petitions instituted.	Total.	Decreed.	Dismissed.	Total disposed of.	Pending.
Sudder ...	1	1	8	5	1	3	4	1
Dinhata ...	1	...	8	9	1	7	8	1
Mathabhanga ...	1	1	3	5	1	2	3	2
Mekligunj ...	.....	...	1	1	...	...	...	1
Toofangunj ...	1	...	...	1	...	1	1	...
Total ...	4	2	15	21	3	18	16	5

X.—Table shewing the ratio of the different classes of documents.

Leases.	Mortgages.	Sales.	Gifts.	Acknowledgments of payment of consideration on account of immovable property.	Obligations for payment of money.	Wills.	Miscellaneous.
441	018	275	006	114	059	001	001

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FROM

BABU AMRITA LAL SEN,

Accountant-General, Cooch Behar State,

To

THE VICE-PRESIDENT, STATE COUNCIL,

COOCH BEHAR.

Dated, Cooch Behar, the 13th July 1903.

SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit herewith the Financial Report for the year 1902-03.

2. When the budget estimate for 1902-03 was framed, it was estimated that the revenue would be Rs. 22,76,963, and the expenditure Rs. 22,45,730, inclusive of the payment of Rs. 1,00,000 towards the Railway loan, and that the result would be a surplus of Rs. 31,233. But the revised estimate which resulted in a surplus of Rs. 11,289, or Rs. 19,944 less than the original estimate, was prepared with a revenue of Rs. 23,24,099, being more than the original estimate by Rs. 47,136, and an expenditure of Rs. 23,12,810, being greater than the original estimate by Rs. 67,080.

3. The actual accounts, as per statement No. 1 annexed hereto, shew that the revenue was Rs. 23,56,409, being in excess of the original and the revised estimate by Rs. 79,446, and Rs. 32,310 respectively; while the expenditure was Rs. 22,71,861, being greater than the original estimate by Rs. 26,131, and less than the revised estimate by Rs. 40,949. Thus the estimated surplus of Rs. 31,233, which was reduced to Rs. 11,289 when the revised estimate was framed, has stood at Rs. 84,548 in the actual. This improvement is chiefly due to increases under "Revenue" and decreases under "Expenditure."

REVENUE.

4. The collections under the following heads of the budget are better than the revised estimate. The increase under "Stamp" is due to better sale than was anticipated at the time of the preparation of the revised estimate on account of increase in litigation, and that under "Sundries" of II General Revenue is owing to a large balance in the Deposit accounts having lapsed to the State. The increases under "Criminal Justice", "Education", "Sundries" &c. are chiefly due to under-estimate, and those under "His Highness' Estates," and the "Cooch Behar State Railway" have been dealt with in paragraphs 8, 9 and 11.

		Revised. Rs.	Actual. Rs.	Excess. Rs.
II.	GENERAL REVENUE—			
(a)	Land Revenue ...	12,38,896	12,38,964	68
(b)	Stamps ...	1,46,000	1,49,292	3,292
(c)	Excise ...	1,03,421	1,04,085	664
(d)	Interest on Loan ...	2,100	2,451	351
(e)	Sundries ...	7,500	9,972	2,472
III.	LAW AND JUSTICE—			
(a)	Civil and Sessions Court ...	300	352	152
(b)	Registration ...	9,000	9,309	309
IV.	MISCELLANEOUS—			
(a)	Criminal Justice ...	4,800	6,531	1,731
(c)	Education &c. ...	7,423	9,018	1,593
(e)	Sundries ...	2,318	3,133	815
V.	DEBUTTER ...	1,10,000	1,11,215	1,215
VI.	HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S ESTATES—			
(a)	Darjeeling Estate ...	57,000	59,690	2,690
(c)	Chakrajat Estates ...	4,09,729	4,25,086	15,357
VII.	COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY ...	1,20,120	1,31,356	11,236

The following accounts shew decreases in revenue as compared with the revised estimate; the cause of the decrease is explained below:—

	Revenue.	Actual.	Decrease.
I. HOUSEHOLD	12,906	12,646	258

The decrease of Rs. 258 would have been more if the receipts under "Sale of State Elephants" and "Sundries" had not improved, as against the estimate of Rs. 2,500 for "Khedda" receipts, only Rs. 500 was recovered and credited.

	Revised. Rs.	Actual. Rs.	Decrease. Rs.	
IV. MISCELLANEOUS.—				
(b) Jail ...	6,867	5,041	1,826	The decrease is due to short sale of crushed food.
(d) Public Works ..	9,500	7,486	2,014	The death of some bullocks and short receipts from the employment of State carts, account for the decrease under this head.

	Revised Rs.	Actual Rs.	Decrease Rs.
VI. HIS HIGHNESS THE MAHARAJA'S ESTATES.—			
(a) Simla Estate...	...	18,917	18,793
(d) Panga Estate....	...	27,400	21,987

The above have been dealt with in paragraphs 7 and 10.

EXPENDITURE.

5. The subjoined statement shews the fluctuations between the original figures, the revised and the actual figures:—

	Original. Rs.	Revised. Rs.	Actual. Rs.
I. HOUSEHOLD EXPENSES—			
(a.) His Highness' personal expenses ...	5,30,000	5,60,000	5,60,000
(b.) Rajbari Garden	6,000	6,000	5,991
Total of His Highness' personal expenses ...	5,36,000	5,66,000	5,65,991
(c.) Maintenance of Rajguns and education of Maharajkumars	1,27,811	1,27,684	1,26,680
(d.) Philkhana and Stable	42,223	44,691	42,614
(e.) Band	20,944	20,944	20,875
(f.) Miscellaneous	1,23,759	1,49,938	1,43,512
II. ADMINISTRATION—			
1. Control	68,533	70,753	69,180
2. General	2,89,599	2,93,154	2,80,471
Public Works	1,30,335	1,19,900	1,18,190
State grant to the Communication Improvement Fund	51,700	51,700	51,920
3. Revenue	1,77,661	1,71,783	1,69,987
4. Law and Justice	55,043	55,023	54,323
5. Miscellaneous	68,266	70,516	67,115
III. DEBUTTER	48,429	48,429	47,798
IV. HIS HIGHNESS' ESTATES—			
(a.) Simla Estate	7,082	22,032	20,842
(b.) Darjeeling Estate	63,418	65,614	62,738
(c.) Chaklajati Estates	2,48,698	2,49,375	2,44,495
(d.) Panga Estate	26,166	33,941	31,715
V. COOCH BEHAR STATE RAILWAY	40,063	51,186	53,268
Total	21,25,730	22,12,663	21,71,714
Railway Capital expenditure	20,000	147	147
Repayment of Railway loan	1,00,000	1,00,000	1,00,000
Total	22,45,730	23,12,810	22,71,861

From the above statement it would appear that the expenditure under all the heads of the budget was less, as compared with the revised estimate, with the exception of that under "V. Cooch Behar State Railway" which has been dealt with in paragraph 11 of this report. The total savings upon the revised budget amounted to Rs. 40,949, and this large decrease is chiefly due to the revised budget having been framed generally with the figures of the original

estimate instead of with those for the actual expenditure, which was known at the time of the preparation of the budget, plus the estimated amount that would be required during the last two or three months of the current year based upon the actuals of corresponding months of the preceding year.

The following accounts shew large savings in expenditure:—

	Revised. Rs.	Actual. Rs.	Saving. Rs.
HOUSEHOLD.—			
Philkhana	44,691	42,614	2,077
Duar Muktear—Contingencies	9,013	7,619	1,394
Delhi Assemblage...	85,000	79,901	5,099
GENERAL.—			
Education &c.	79,900	77,015	2,885
Jail	18,624	15,459	3,165
Police	56,023	53,207	2,816
Military	27,256	24,483	2,773
Public Works Department	1,19,900	1,18,190	1,710
REVENUE.—			
Stamp... ..	5,703	5,088	615
MISCELLANEOUS.—			
Pension &c.	45,713	42,610	3,103
His Highness' Estates	3,70,962	3,59,790	11,172

The savings under "Delhi Assemblage" would have been considerably less had the travelling allowance of the Superintendent of Works and his assistants and the amount allotted to the Chaklajat Estates been debited to this account.

6. *Cooch Behar Public Works Department.*—The following statement is given to show the actual expenditure of the department as compared with the original and the revised estimates. It would appear that the original grant was reduced to Rs. 1,19,900 when the revised estimate was framed, and this reduction was effected principally by the elimination of the provision for the "Superintendent of State's Building". The amount thus availed of was required for meeting some urgent expenditure in other departments of the State.

	Original. Rs.	Revised. Rs.	Actual. Rs.
Original works	47,092	49,613	47,727
Repairs	31,765	32,335	31,633
Earthquake repairs	14,000	.....	—155
Tools and plant	2,000	1,900	2,363
Establishment	28,392	29,052	30,075
State <i>ticca</i> carts	7,000	6,000	5,301
Repayment of advance for purchase of bullocks ... ..	.....	1,000	1,000
Total	1,30,249	1,19,900	1,17,944

The last item in the above statement is on account of the payment of the advance taken from the Cooch Behar Treasury for the purchase of bullocks.

The statement above shews an actual expenditure of Rs. 1,17,944, while the amount debited in the Treasury account (*vide* figure in the statement in paragraph 5) against the department was Rs. 1,18,190. Thus it would appear that the department spent less than the amount drawn from the Treasury. But this was not the case, as the following statement will shew:—

	Rs.
Paid by the Treasury	1,18,190
Add uncashed cheque	335
Total	1,18,525
Actual expenditure of the department under service heads as above	1,17,944
Ditto under Suspense head	581
Total	1,18,525

7. *Simla Estate.*—The budget was originally framed with Rs. 8,257 as the estimated rent &c. of this estate. But when the revised estimate was made,

it was increased to Rs. 18,917. This increase was due to the provision of Rs. 14,950 for the sale proceeds of Rose Bank less the amount of rent which could not be realized on account of vacancy and sale of houses. The actual receipts amounting to Rs. 18,798 were less than the revised estimate by Rs. 124 which was due to over-estimate.

The statement below will shew the expenditure of the estate under the main heads of account as compared with the revised estimate:—

			Revised.	Actual.
Establishment	...	...	792	696
Repairs &c ...	...	...	19,700	18,804
Miscellaneous	...	...	1,540	1,842
Total	...	...	22,032	20,842

The heavy expenditure under "Repairs" was met out of the sale proceeds of Rose Bank. From the above statement it would appear that there were savings in expenditure under all the heads of the budget. The decrease under "Establishment" is due to savings in certain allowances for January and February not having been drawn in the year under report, and that under "Repairs" is owing to savings in the provision for ordinary repairs.

8. *Purjeeling Estate*—The original estimate was framed with a total receipt of Rs. 63,935 which was reduced by Rs. 6,935 in the revised budget. This reduction was due to the amount being irrecoverable. The account shows an improvement in the receipts, as compared with the revised estimate, by Rs. 2,090.

The expenditure amounting to Rs. 62,738 was less than the revised estimate by Rs. 2,876. This decrease was mainly due to short expenditure under "Establishment" in consequence of the death of Mr. Harrison, the Manager, and under "New Furniture" and "Contingencies"—the savings under the last head were owing to small expenditure on "Improved Drains". During the year the balance of the estimate for the construction of an additional accommodation at Rockville, amounting to Rs. 9,752, was provided and expended. Rs. 2,000 which was sanctioned for installation of electric light at Rockville house, was utilized in meeting additional expenditure under "New Furniture to replace old".

The following statement gives the total expenditure under the main heads of account as compared with the revised estimate:—

			Revised. Rs.	Actual. Rs.
I. General management	...	...	31,460	28,443
II. Colinton	...	...	24,402	24,543
III. New Buildings	...	...	9,752	9,752
Total	...	...	65,614	62,738

The amount of rent unrealized on the 31st March 1903 was Rs. 8,379 against Rs. 7,589 on the same date last year, showing an increase of Rs. 790.

During the year under report, a sum of Rs. 22,000 was remitted into the Cooch Behar Treasury out of the income of this estate, and the account of the estate was closed with a cash balance of Rs. 9,503 on the 31st March 1903.

9. *Kakrajat Estates*.—The actual collection amounting to Rs. 4,25,086 has exceeded the revised estimate by Rs. 15,357. This increase is due to usual fluctuations in collection under rent and cesses, and to larger collection than was anticipated from settlement of Khas and Palataka jotes.

The expenditure which was less than the revised estimate by Rs. 4,880 amounted to Rs. 2,44,495, and included the payment of Rs. 8,991 on account of Public Works. It would appear from the subjoined statement that the decreases in expenditure have been appreciable. The decrease in "Revenue Payable" is due to non-payment of rent of an under-tenure in Rungpore; that under "Management" is owing to savings in salary and travelling of establish-

ment, and that under "Miscellaneous" is on account of savings effected in "Education" "Philkhana" &c.

			Revised.	Actual.	Savings.
Revenue Payable	...	...	1,67,294	1,67,152	142
Management	...	...	62,312	60,505	1,807
Miscellaneous	...	...	11,054	8,385	2,669
Debutter	...	...	8,715	8,453	262
Total	...	...	2,49,375	2,44,495	4,880

During the year Rs. 1,00,000 was paid to Government on account of the Railway loan and Rs. 49,858 remitted into the Cooch Behar Treasury out of the income of this estate. The account of the estate was closed with a cash balance of Rs. 1,42,976 which was better than the revised estimate by Rs. 4,771 and the actual of 1901-02 by Rs. 5,471.

10. *Panga Estate*.—The revenue of this estate has considerably fallen off and is less than what it was in 1901-02. Against an estimate of Rs. 27,400, Rs. 21,987 only was realized. The decrease is due to the settlement operation, which is now going on, having caused some amount of irritation in the tenantry, specially in that portion of it which is in apprehension of an increase.

The expenditure amounting to Rs. 31,715 is less than the estimate by Rs. 2,226. This decrease is chiefly due to the amount provided for the Panga survey watching operation not having been fully spent owing to the cadastral operation not having been taken up during the year under report as originally settled.

During the year Rs. 2,944 was spent for Pucca Kutchery at Panga and Rs. 23 for repairs to Tehsil Kutchery.

The following statement is given to shew the expenditure under the main heads of account as compared with the revised estimate:—

			Revised. Rs.	Actual. Rs.
Revenue payable	...	...	11,400	11,392
Management	...	...	20,726	19,084
Miscellaneous	...	...	1,815	1,239
Total	...	...	33,941	31,715

11. *Cooch Behar State Railway*.—The net earnings of the Railway, being $5\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. of the amount advanced for Capital expenditure, amounted to Rs. 78,088 against Rs. 76,852 in 1901-02, shewing an increase of Rs. 1,236. This increase was due to the amount of the earnings of 1901-02 which were accounted for in the supplementary accounts for March having been credited to the year under report, as the supplementary account was received after the close of the account for 1901-02.

The gross earnings compared with the revised estimate shewed an improvement of Rs. 11,236. This increase is due to an unexpected rise in coaching traffic, chiefly, on account of Rash Jatra and other festivals, and, partly, to an improvement in grain, coal, metal and timber traffic during the last four months of 1902-03.

The expenditure was more than the estimate by Rs. 2,082. This was due, mainly, to the increase in the gross earnings.

12. *Colinton House at Darjeeling*.—After paying Rs. 20,000 as part-payment of the price of Colinton and Rs. 1,588 as interest on the balance on the debt, the Colinton loan account was closed with Rs. 20,000 as due by the State exclusive of interest.

13. I now propose to deal with some of the accounts under Receipts and Disbursements as per Statement II, appended hereto.

(a.) *Communication Improvement Fund*.—The State grant to this Fund was Rs. 51,920 and the expenditure, which was met from this

grant as well as from the accumulated money of the Fund, amounted to Rs. 54,111. The details of expenditure are given below :—

			Rs.
Original works	...	...	37,942
Repairs	...	...	25,986
Contingencies	...	...	183
Total			54,111

The cash balance of the Fund amounted to Rs. 3,524 on the 31st March 1903.

- (b.) *Cooch Behar Municipal Fund.*—The receipts and expenditure of this Fund amounted to Rs. 31,057 and Rs. 29,153 respectively. For Public Works Rs. 11,845 was spent. The State grant was Rs. 16,394 and the closing balance of the Fund was Rs. 6,221 on the 31st March 1903.
- (c.) *Mathabhanga Municipal Fund.*—The State grant was Rs. 2,204 and the receipts and expenditure were Rs. 3,330 and Rs. 4,066 respectively. The cash balance of the Fund on the 31st March 1903 amounted to Rs. 1,020.
- (d.) *Dinhata Municipal Fund.*—The total receipts including the State grant of Rs. 1,150 amounted to Rs. 4,860 and the expenditure was Rs. 4,192. The cash balance at credit of the Fund on the 31st March 1903 was Rs. 819.
- (e.) *Haldibari Municipal Fund.*—The State grant was Rs. 1,900 and the receipts and expenditure were Rs. 3,472 and Rs. 3,581 respectively. The cash balance of the Fund was Rs. 31 on the 31st March 1903.
- (f.) *Pound Fund.*—The total receipts and expenditure of this Fund amounted to Rs. 8,746 and Rs. 7,785, respectively, and the cash balance stood at Rs. 10,952 on the 31st March 1903.
- (g.) *Village Chaukidari Fund.*—The receipts and expenditure of this Fund were Rs. 6,675 and Rs. 5,555, respectively, and the cash balance was Rs. 10,564 on the 31st March 1903, besides Rs. 25,000 in Government Securities. His Highness in Council has authorized the Superintendent of State to spend to the extent of Rs. 20,000 out of the accumulated balance of the Fund on works of public utility, and Rs. 2,000 was so spent during the year under report.
- (h.) *Fund for His Highness' Children.*—Rs. 50,000 was originally allotted to this Fund, but it was withdrawn when the revised estimate was framed, as the money was required for meeting some urgent expenditure. The cash balance of the Fund on the 31st March 1903 amounted to Rs. 234, besides Rs. 13,100 in Government papers.
- (i.) *Darjeeling Fire Insurance Fund.*—During the year under report, Government papers of the nominal value of Rs. 3,000 were purchased out of the accumulated money, leaving the Fund with Rs. 116 as cash balance on the 31st March 1903.
- (j.) *Government Loan for the Construction of the Cooch Behar State Railway.*—After crediting Rs. 86,293 to Principal and Rs. 13,707 to Interest from out of one lakh of rupees paid by the Chakrajat Estates, this account shews a balance of Rs. 2,86,000, exclusive of interest, due by the State on the 31st March 1903.
- (k.) *Cooch Behar State Railway Capital Outlay Account.*—Rs. 20,000 was originally provided, but in the revised budget it was reduced to Rs. 147, as the amount of deposit with the Manager was sufficient to meet the Capital outlay of the year under

report. The State paid to the end of March 1903 Rs. 4,41,725, exclusive of 10 lakhs advanced by Government, on account of the Capital outlay of the Railway. During the year under report, a sum of Rs. 30,000 was refunded by the Manager and credited to the above account, the total outlay on which was, therefore, in the books of this office, Rs. 14,11,725 against Rs. 13,95,944 accounted for by the Manager as below :—

	Rs.
Open Line	7,83,101
Cooch Behar Town Extension ...	3,36,115
Cooch Behar to Alipore	2,73,374
Stores	3,354
Total Rs. ...	13,95,944

(i.) *Loan to Local Shop-keepers and Others.*—Besides small recoveries amounting to Rs. 6,592 made from other debtors, Rs. 10,000 was recovered from the Bijni Estate. The total amount advanced during the year was Rs. 6,677.

(m.) *Chaklajaj Loan Account.*—The Chaklajaj Estates advanced Rs. 10,800 during the year, of which Rs. 9,500 was made to Rani Lakshmi Priya of Panga.

14. *Cash Balance.*—When the revised estimate was framed, the year closed with a cash balance of Rs. 9,93,053 which was better than the original estimate by Rs. 34,190. The actual cash balance at the close of the year under report amounted to Rs. 9,38,805, which, compared with the revised estimate, showed a falling off to the extent of Rs. 54,248, and*this decrease is due to the heavy withdrawal of the Government money in deposit with the Treasury. The above balance includes the Government money and the several kinds of deposits held by the State. The actual balance of the State on the 31st March 1903, compared with that on the same date of 1901-02, is detailed below :—

	1901-1902.			1902-1903.		
	Revised.	Actual.	Excess.	Revised.	Actual.	Excess.
Cooch Behar State ...	4,63,266	4,78,558	15,287	5,47,042	5,84,382	37,340
Chaklajaj Estates ...	1,83,068	1,87,505	4,437	1,38,205	1,42,976	4,771
Total ...	5,96,334	6,16,058	19,724	6,85,247	7,27,358	42,111

15. *Remarks upon the Works of the Department.*—Babu Sham Sunder Chuckerbutty, the 2nd Assistant of this office, officiated for the Head Assistant during the last three months of the year under report and discharged his duties with credit. He is now an efficient Assistant of this office and renders me material help in the preparation of Budget and the closing of annual accounts. Other Assistants did their respective works to my satisfaction.

16. *Returns.*—The Statement No. I. shews the revenue and expenditure; No. II., the receipts and disbursements; No. III., the actual Ledger balances on the 31st March 1903 and No. IV., the Cooch Behar State Railway Loan Account. All these are appended hereto for reference.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

ANURITA LAL SEN,

Accountant-General, Cooch Behar State.

REVENUE.	Revised Estimates for 1902-1903.	Accounts for 1902-1903.	DIFFERENCE.		EXPENDITURE.	Revised Estimates for 1902-1903.	Accounts for 1902-1903.	DIFFERENCE.	
			Increase.	Decrease.				Increase.	Decrease.
I.—Household—									
II.—General Revenue—									
a. Land Revenue	12,38,896	12,38,864	.....	Rs. 258	(a) His Highness' Personal expenses ...	Rs. 5,60,000	Rs. 5,60,000	.....	Rs.
b. Stamps	1,46,000	1,49,292	68	.....	(b) Rajbari garden &c., ...	6,000	5,991	.....	..... 9
c. Excise	1,08,421	1,04,085	3,292	.....	Total of strictly Personal charges ...	5,68,000	5,65,991	.....	..... 9
d. Interest on Loans	2,100	2,451	664	.....	(c) Maintenance of Rajguns and educa-	1,27,684	1,26,680	.....	1,004
e. Sundries	7,500	9,972	351	.....	tion of Maharajkumars.	44,691	42,614	.....	2,077
III.—Law and Justice—					(d) Philkhana and stables	20,944	20,375	.....	69
a. Civil & Sessions Court	200	352	2,472	.....	(e) Band	1,49,938	1,43,512	.....	6,426
b. Registration	9,000	9,809	152	.....	(f) Miscellaneous	9,09,257	8,99,672	.....	9,565
IV.—Miscellaneous—					Total Household expenses ...	.....	.....	.....	.....
a. Criminal Justice	4,800	6,581	1,731	.....	II.—Administration—				
b. Jail	6,867	5,041	.....	.....	1. Control	70,758	69,180	.....	1,578
c. Education, Science and Arts	7,425	9,018	1,593	.....	2. General	4,64,754	4,50,581	.....	14,173
d. Public Works	9,500	7,486	.....	2,014	3. Revenue	1,71,738	1,69,987	.....	1,796
e. Sundries	2,318	3,133	815	.....	4. Law and Justice	56,023	54,323	.....	700
V.—Debutter	1,10,000	1,11,215	1,215	.....	5. Miscellaneous	70,516	67,115	.....	3,401
VI.—His Highness' Estates—					III.—Debutter	48,429	47,798	.....	631
a. Simla Estate	18,917	18,793	.....	.....	IV.—His Highness' Estates—				
b. Darjeeling Estate	57,000	59,690	.....	124	(a.) Simla Estate	22,032	20,842	.....	1,190
c. Chaklaj Estate	4,09,729	4,25,086	2,690	.....	(b.) Darjeeling Estate	65,614	62,738	.....	2,876
d. Panga Estate	27,400	21,987	15,357	.....	(c.) Chaklaj Estate	2,49,375	2,44,495	.....	4,880
VII.—Cooch Behar State Railway					(d.) Panga Estate	33,941	31,715	.....	2,226
Total Revenue	22,94,099	23,26,409	11,236	.....	V.—Cooch Behar State Railway	51,186	53,268	2,082	.....
Railway Capital Account	30,000	.....	.....	.....	Total	22,12,663	21,71,714	.....	40,949
Grand Total	23,24,099	23,26,409	32,310	.....	Railway Capital Expenditure	147	147	.....	.....
					Repayment of Railway Loan	1,00,000	1,00,000	.....	.....
					Total Expenditure	23,12,810	22,71,861	.....	40,949
					Surplus	11,289	84,548	73,259	.....
					Grand Total	23,24,099	23,26,409	32,310	.....

His Highness' Office, Audit Department,
The 13th July 1903.

AMRITA LAL SIKH,
Accountant-General, Cooch Behar State.

II. — Statement showing the Receipts and Disbursements of the Cooch Behar State for the year ending 31st March 1903.

RECEIPTS.	Revised Estimates for 1902-1903.	Actuals for 1902-1903.	DIFFERENCE.		DISBURSEMENTS.	Revised Estimates for 1902-1903.	Actuals for 1902-1903.	DIFFERENCE.	
			Increase.	Decrease.				Increase.	Decrease.
Cash balance ...	9,13,179	9,13,179			State Expenditure ...	22,12,663	21,71,714		40,949
State Revenue ...	28,94,093	23,28,409	5,65,684		Government of Bengal ...	6,00,000	7,29,773	1,29,773	
Government of Bengal ...	6,00,000	6,36,340	36,340		Personal Accounts ...	7,500	6,677		823
Local Shop-keepers and others ...	20,000	16,592		3,408	Chaklajal Loan accounts ...	10,800	10,800		
Chaklajal ...		164			Capital Accounts ...	147	12,954	12,707	
Cooch Behar State Ry. Capital Account ...	30,000	30,000			Local Funds ...	4,800	4,192		608
Dinabata Town Committee ...	4,618	4,860	242		Darjeeling Fire Insurance ...	2,000	3,190	1,190	
Darjeeling Fire Insurance ...	2,000	2,067	67		Mathabanga Town Committee ...	3,850	4,065	215	
Mathabanga Town Committee ...	3,239	3,330	91		Village Chakladari Fund ...	8,304	8,555	251	
Village Chakladari Fund ...	6,400	6,675	275		Municipal Fund, Sudder ...	20,429	20,183		246
Municipal Fund, Sudder ...	30,207	31,057	850		Temple Scholarship Fund ...	27	27		
Temple Scholarship Fund ...	39	8,745	8,706		Haldibari Town Committee ...	5,690	7,785	2,095	
Found Fund ...	6,000	6,000			Communication Improvement Fund ...	3,930	3,930		
Communication Improvement Fund ...	51,700	53,488	1,788		Fund for His Highness' children ...	55,976	55,976		
Fund for His Highness' children ...		233			Vidyasagar Memorial Fund ...		3,216	3,216	
Vidyasagar Memorial Fund ...		52			Contribution Works, F. W. D. ...	50	28		22
Contribution Works, F. W. D. ...		3,472			Deposits ...	4,939	4,939		
Cooch Behar State Revenue deposits ...	3,355	137			Cooch Behar State Revenue deposits ...	30,000	42,326	12,326	
Chaklajal Estates ditto ...	4,539	8,400	3,861		Chaklajal Estates ditto ...	1,00,000	1,40,441	40,441	
Chaklajal Estates ditto ...	40,000	40,053	53		Cooch Behar State General deposits ...	40,400	15,466		24,934
Cooch Behar State General deposit ...	1,00,000	1,41,322	41,322		Chaklajal Estates ditto ...		1,880	1,880	
Chaklajal Estates ditto ...	40,400	17,379			Judicial deposits ...	40,760	13,558		27,143
Judicial deposits ...	40,700	15,779			Advances Recoverable ...	80,000	1,11,225	31,225	
Advances Recoverable ...	1,17,500	1,31,881	14,381		Cooch Behar State Advances recoverable ...	40,000	40,912	912	
Cooch Behar State Advances recoverable ...	38,700	36,013			Chaklajal Estates ditto ...		10	10	
Chaklajal Estates ditto ...	100	200	100		Cooch Behar State Permanent Advance ...	100			100
Cooch Behar State Permanent advances ...		9			Chaklajal Estates ditto ...		257	257	
Chaklajal Estates ditto ...		9			Bullion account ...		86,808	86,808	
Bullion account ...		9			Remittance Account ...	63,013			
Remittance Account ...		9			Miscellaneous Cash Remittance ...	1,00,000	1,00,000		
Miscellaneous Cash Remittance ...		9			Repayment of Railway Loan ...	57,000	59,967	2,967	
Repayment of Railway Loan ...		9			Darjeeling Cash Account ...	1,20,120	1,31,356	11,236	
Darjeeling Cash Account ...		9			Examiner of Accounts, E. B. S. Railway ...				
Examiner of Accounts, E. B. S. Railway ...		9							

